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CNMI unprepared for exit of 12,000 CWs after 2014

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If the U.S. Secretary of Labor does not extend the federal immigration transition period beyond Dec. 31, 2014, and does not make that decision until next year, the CNMI will be left with only a small window to do the impossible task of looking for over 12,000 U.S. workers to replace foreign workers with CW permits, lawmakers and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said yesterday

Sablan

This comes at a time when the tourism-based economy is improving and will need more workers.

To date, the CNMI has no unified contingency plan to deal with a mass exodus of skilled and professional foreign workers after 2014.

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Saipan's Joseph Santos is Pacific Fleet's Sailor of the Year

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PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NNS)—U.S. Pacific Fleet announced the selection of the 2012 Sea and Shore Sailors of the Year during a ceremony held at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki, April 12.

Competing amongst 10 petty officer first class finalists, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class **Joseph Santos, from Saipan,** the largest island of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, was named the 2012 Pacific Fleet Sea Sailor of the Year and Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Cassandra Thompson, from Trinidad, was named the 2012

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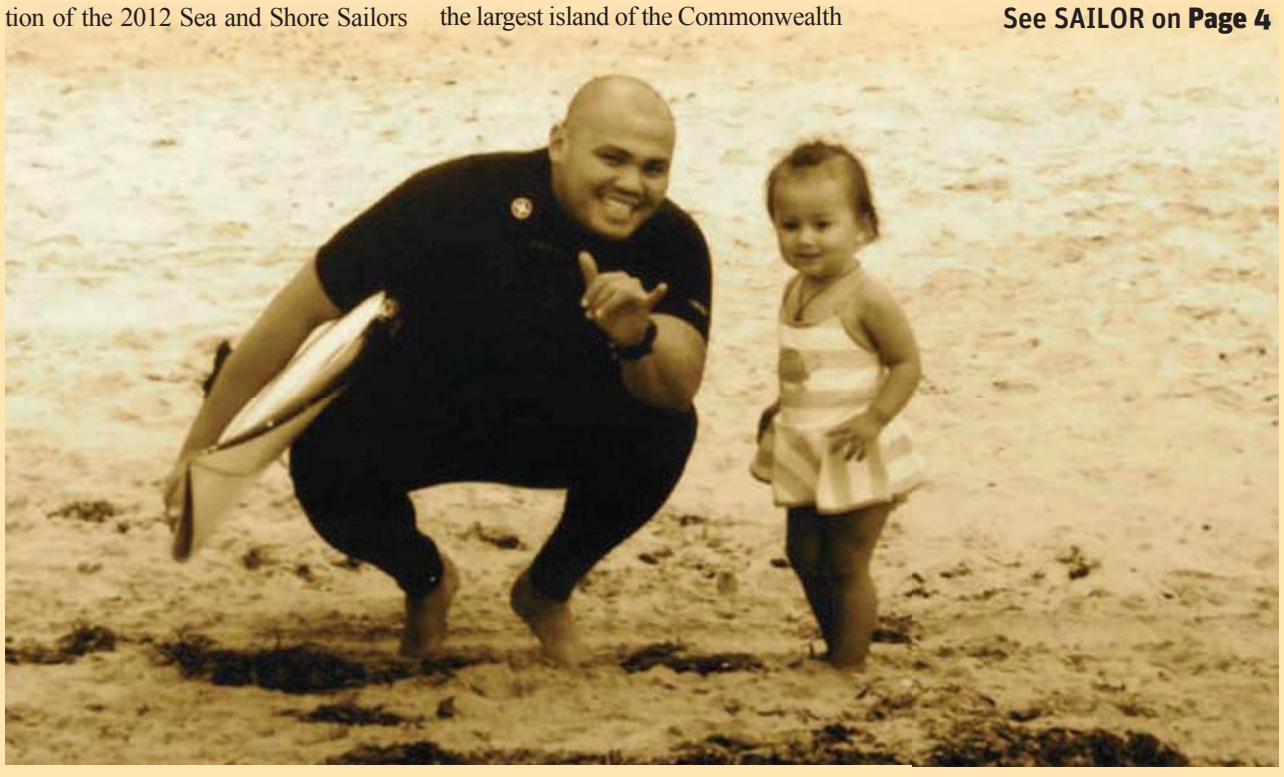
Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Joseph Santos, who grew up on Saipan, has a unique love of the ocean. He teaches others to surf and paddle board from his current duty station at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

2 major issues snag prison consent decree

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The U.S. government has two major concerns about how the CNMI government is complying with a consent decree the Commonwealth forged with the U.S. Department of Justice in 1999: medical care for inmates and the safety of juvenile detainees.

DOJ and the CNMI Office of the Attorney General are now working to resolve the two issues.

Jeffrey R. Murray, a lawyer with the DOJ Civil Rights Division, and assistant attorney general Teresita J. Sablan filed last week a joint request for the U.S. District Court for the NMI to schedule a status conference on the matter.

Murray and Sablan said the status conference will update the court about current conditions at the Department of Corrections and help establish a plan and schedule for the CNMI to reach full compliance with the consent decree and, ultimately, terminate it.

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NMC launches 'Believe' campaign to rally support

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REPORTER

In the face of controversies and accreditation issues facing the islands' lone community college, the Northern Marianas College has launched its "Believe" campaign to rally community support for the institution.

According to NMC external relations office director Frankie Eliptico, the initiative was launched by college employees and students to encourage the community to continue to believe in the mission and vision of NMC.

The campaign kicked off last week and is expected to end only once the college reaffirms its accreditation with the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

The commission is expected to decide NMC's fate at its January 2014 assembly.

NMC is currently on show-cause status with the commission and is scrambling to rectify all identified deficiencies.

Even while on show-cause status, the college retains its accredited status and the credits that students earn will remain transferable to other accredited colleges and universities.

Eliptico told *Saipan Tribune* that the campaign was born because there has not been enough attention paid to the great work that employees and students are doing at the college.

"The college has many dedicated, committed individuals who are giving it their all to ensure that the college's accreditation is reaffirmed, and we want to let everyone know that," said Eliptico.

The campaign is supported by college financial aid counselor Manny Castro, who firmly believes in NMC's mission to help residents improve their lives through higher education. "We continue to be guided by this passion for helping students in the work that we do on a daily basis."

NMC accreditation liaison officer Amanda Allen admitted that there has been a lot of concern regarding the college's accreditation status. "I can't emphasize enough that NMC remains an accredited institution…and that we are accepting applications for summer and fall 2013," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Allen assured that the college continues to make progress in addressing the commission's recommendations.

According to Eliptico, the "Believe" movement is not a management directive nor is it anything being required. He said there are many positive things happening at the college, including the fact that NMC will be graduating its first graduates with bachelor's degrees under the rehabilitation and human services and the early childhood concentration.

The college also received an overwhelming response to its Summer Academy Program, which is funded by the College Access Challenge Grant Program, Eliptico said.

He also cited NMC graduates who continue to make positive impacts in the community as business executives, government leaders, and community advocates.

Queanna Sablan, who graduated from NMC in 2010 and is now a college employee, said that the education she received at the college prepared her for the challenges she faced when she moved off-island to pursue her bachelor's degree.

"I am a proud graduate and employee of this institution," she said.

MONTH FOR THE ELDERLY

In this photo taken on April 26, 2013, Aging Center clients lead the singing of the national anthem as Gov. Eloy S. Inos looks on during the signing of a proclamation that declares the month of May as Older Americans Month, Mes Man'amku, Marameer Tuufeyil Amerikkonu 2013. The event kicked off a series of activities to honor the elderly in the community.
CLARISSA V. DAVID

Arctic Circle, RI bank settle dispute

Tony Pellegrino's Arctic Circle Air Co. and the Rhode Island-based Independence Bank have reached a settlement on the airline's lawsuit against the bank.

Attorneys Michael W. Dotts and Rexford C. Kosack, lawyers for Arctic Circle Air Co. and Independence Bank respectively, filed Tuesday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI a request for the lawsuit to be dismissed with prejudice. Dismissal with prejudice means the case cannot be retried.

Dotts and Kosack said that each party will pay its own court costs and attorneys' fees.

Both asked the court to retain jurisdiction to enforce the settlement in the event of a dispute.

The lawyers stated in the settlement agreement that the parties now, without admitting to liability or fault or any default, want to reach a compromise and resolution of the lawsuit and of all matters related to the case.

Under the agreement, Arctic Circle Air Co. agreed to dismiss the lawsuit and pay $70,000 by cashier's check into Kosack's trust account for the benefit of Independence Bank. For its part, the Independence Bank agreed to execute releases or terminations of its liens on Arctic Circle's aircraft.

Arctic Circle Air is suing Independence Bank over the bank's demand for payment of $155,000 in "break-up fees." The cargo and passenger airline asked the Superior Court to issue a judgment declaring that the company is not liable for the "break-up fees."

According to the complaint, Arctic Circle and Independence Bank agreed on a $600,000 interim loan in 2011. In November 2012, Arctic Circle advised the bank that the company no longer wants to pursue the loan.

Independence Bank transferred the lawsuit to federal court from the Superior Court.
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‘Expedited’ decision on Hart’s contract expected today

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Board of Regents chair Juan T. Lizama and his colleagues are expected to decide today whether or not to renew the contract of Northern Marianas College president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., just one day remaining in the 60-day deadline to act on the matter.

Hart’s contract is expiring on July 4.

The regents are supposed to notify her within 60 days prior to the expiration date whether her contract will be renewed or not. Without this notice, Hart’s contract will automatically renew. Board policy requires Hart to be evaluated before the board acts on her contract.

Lizama refused to comment, however, if Hart’s performance evaluation has been completed or not. He pointed out that this issue, along with the president’s contract, will be tackled in their meeting today.

Although he claims it is premature to talk about the board’s possible decision, Lizama said that timing is of the essence and that a decision has to be made.

“I am afraid I cannot answer that question [about the president’s evaluation] right now. What I am saying is that we hope to come out with the decision as quickly as possible because the 60-day period ends [today]. We should act expeditiously,” he said.

Lizama blamed the delay in the completion of Hart’s performance evaluation on the board’s confusion about its roles and responsibilities, along with a series of board activities that took up most of its time.

Hart

Lizama

In an earlier interview with Hart, the president told *Saipan Tribune* that she has yet to sit down with the regents as far as evaluating her performance is concerned. She said she initiated this process six months into her contract.

During yesterday’s public comment period, three speakers cautioned the board against deciding on Hart’s contract without the required performance evaluation.

Joyce Taro, speaking as a private citizen, urged the board to make the right decision for the college and hear the voices of stakeholders.

Taro, a former college employee during the time of ex-NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, said she is concerned about what she has been hearing from within and outside of the institution, particularly on how the board handles its functions.

Taro pointed out that in critical times of the college’s accreditation, travels were restricted to college officials and executives so as not to distract the concentration from rectifying accreditation deficiencies.

Speaking as a member of the public, NMC Senate Staff president Marie Coleman shared the dissatisfaction raised by staff members in two staff climate surveys conducted within the college. Coleman has been vocal in her sentiments regarding the management and the board’s alleged lack of clear direction for NMC.

Former Faculty Senate president Larry Lee reiterated yesterday his criticism of the regents’ alleged failure to perform their fiduciary duties. According to him, acting on Hart’s contract without the evaluation is a clear violation of policy.

“What criteria is the board using to determine the president’s effectiveness? Just the mere fact that the college accreditation went from probation to show-cause should be clear proof of her non-performance and should be justification for non-renewal,” Lee told the board.

He also singled out the board’s “obvious neglect” of faculty concerns when it ignored the no-confidence vote the staff made against Hart in December 2012.

“Does the board leadership even care? Are you doing your fiduciary duty? Because you refused to act on our request to investigate the president, the [Office of the Public Auditor] has now stepped in. The no-confidence vote should have been a wake-up call, a clear signal, to the board that there are serious problems occurring at the college,” said Lee.

OPA’s George Hasselback has confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* the existence of an investigation at NMC but refused to elaborate so as not to hamper the ongoing probe.

When asked to comment on Lee’s remarks, Lizama said the board is not allowed to listen to third parties when deciding on the president’s contract.

NMC director for counseling Tim Baker, meantime, came to the defense of the president, whom he described as the “best president we have.” He asked the regents to follow what the Western Association of Schools and Colleges told NMC to do so and “allow the system” to work at NMC.

DUE TO ANOTHER CASE FOR COPPER WIRE THEFT

Ex-convict’s probation revoked

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho revoked yesterday an ex-convict’s probation and re-imposed the suspended sentence for violating the conditions of his release.

Camacho ordered Petrus Kelulau Tomei to serve the maximum remaining sentence of five months and 15 days imprisonment for a previous conviction.

“This sentence shall start immediately,” the judge said. He directed court marshals to bring Tomei to the Department of Corrections at once.

Camacho found Tomei in violation of the terms of his probation based on the evidence presented and witness testimonies.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Tomei on Jan. 25, 2013, with one count of accessory after the fact to burglary, one count of theft, and one count of conspiracy to commit theft.

Tomei was on probation when he allegedly committed these crimes.

Assistant attorney general Margo Brown asked the court to revoke Tomei’s probation for failing to obey all laws of the CNMI, in violation of the condition of his conviction order filed on May 27, 2010.

At the hearing yesterday, Brown presented evidence and called two witnesses to the stand, probation officer Oscar Torres and police officer Jeffrey Norita.

Attorney William Fitzgerald served as court-appointed counsel for Tomei.

In his order, Camacho said that four co-defendants have confessed that Tomei was part of the crimes committed.

Camacho said the co-defendants admitted that Tomei was going to get paid for his help and that he actually participated in the crime by stripping the copper wire.

Camacho said that Tomei was tagged as the driver and owner of the vehicle used to commit these crimes.

Tomei used different names to avoid being identified by law enforcers. Tomei is also known as Petrus Anastacio, Petrus Ngirarnei Tomei, and Petrus Kelulau.

Torres testified that Tomei’s fine in a 2008 criminal case was converted to 10 hours of community service, but the defendant only performed six hours and has a balance of four hours. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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the adult prison in Susupe under the consent decree after Justice saw the deplorable conditions of the old prison. Construction began in 2002 with an initial cost of about $17 million that later ballooned to $20.9 million. It was opened in February 2008.

In their joint request, Murray and Sablan believe that the court can help them resolve the two outstanding issues—and any other issues that the court may have—and move to terminate the consent decree as soon as possible.

Section V of the consent decree details specific steps the CNMI must take to ensure it does not deprive inmates of adequate medical care.

Murray and Sablan said those steps include conducting specific health screenings and assessments to identify any medical or mental health needs; ensuring that medication is administered only by a nurse or other trained individual; and training all staff members in the prevention of communicable diseases.

For most of the duration of the consent decree, the Department of Corrections has relied on the Department of Public Health for the inmates' medical care, provided through the Commonwealth Health Center.

In 2011, the CNMI government took CHC out of DPH's control and spun it off into an autonomous, self-sustaining entity known as the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Based on news reports that CHC faces continuing budgetary shortfalls that have affected its ability to deliver medical services, Murray and Sablan said the U.S. government is worried that CHC's problems may adversely affect inmates' access to medical care.

The Commonwealth assured, however, that inmates continue to be provided adequate medical care. It noted that there is a full-time CHC nurse stationed at the prison and a CHC physician provides medical care on-site every week.

Murray and Sablan said that CHC continues to honor the 1999, 2003, 2006, and 2009 memoranda of understanding between DPH and DOC, establishing the framework for inmates' medical care.

The CHC board recently threatened to terminate the provision of medical services for inmates. To address this issue, Sablan said that Gov. Eloy S. Inos' budget submission for fiscal year 2014 will include an appropriation of $240,000 to cover the costs of medical services provided to the inmates.

On the second issue, the U.S. has concerns about the safety of juvenile detainees at the Kagman Juvenile Detention Unit, under Section VI of the consent decree addressing security and protecting from harm.

In June 2010, then JDU detention guard Tyron Fitial was arrested on charges of sexual misconduct and related offenses. Fitial accepted a plea deal with the U.S. government and was sentenced to 15 years in prison in June 2012.

Murray and Sablan said the U.S. government would like further assurance that policies are in place to deter another Fitial incident.

Since the Fitial incident, Sablan said, the Commonwealth has worked to improve conditions at JDU, including reassigning personnel and transferring its operational responsibility from the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs to DOC in May 2011.

In addition, Sablan said, the Commonwealth now expedites the processing of juvenile detainees such that most are released in just hours, rather than days.

Sablan said this has significantly reduced the population at JDU, which currently has only one long-term detainee and three who will be released within the next five months.

To help ensure the sustainability of these reforms, the U.S. government has encouraged the Commonwealth to review and revise JDU's written policies so that future changes in leadership or staffing will not allow the unit to relapse.

The Commonwealth has provided two revised policies for review by the U.S. government that address interactions between staff members and juveniles of the opposite sex and JDU's levels and privileges system.

Murray and Sablan said the Commonwealth has also increased staffing at the JDU—four new employees have been hired since October 2012—and plans to further increase staffing.

Murray and Sablan said the U.S. government believes these are important foundations upon which the Commonwealth should continue to build permanent, sustainable practices that will remain in place beyond the tenure of JDU's current leadership.

The lawyers said the parties are working together to determine what steps need to be taken to address this concern.

SAILOR

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Pacific Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year.

Adm. Cecil D. Haney, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, recognized the 10 finalists for their individual accomplishments in the Fleet and for their consistent and superior performance to reflect the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment.

"This is a very special day to recognize these outstanding Sailors and their contributions to the warfighting readiness of the U.S. Pacific Fleet," Haney said. "Their dedication, professionalism, and outstanding leadership are vital to our mission success, and we cannot thank and congratulate them enough for their work on behalf of our Navy and our nation."

Representing U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific, Joseph Santos will be meritoriously promoted to chief petty officer.

"No words can explain the amount and different kinds of emotions are going through me right now," said Santos. "The junior sailors and my mentors have worked so hard and they are the reason I am here today. I can't even begin to explain how grateful I am for their support. Special thanks to my mentors, my amazing family and the sailors and Marines from Marine Aircraft Group 24. I am more than excited to use their lessons in becoming a new deck plate leader and share my knowledge to other sailors so they can have this experience as well."

Cassandra Thompson, representing Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, will travel to Washington, D.C., this summer to represent the U.S. Pacific Fleet at the Chief of Naval Operations Shore Sailor of the Year competition. If selected, she will also be meritoriously promoted.

"I am very grateful for my junior sailors for doing such a great job and getting me to this level," Thompson said. "I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for my team of resilient, passionate and disciplined great leaders and MCs to give me the opportunity me have this experience. I don't know where I would be if it wasn't for my wonderful support system being there for me through the long hours, deployments and challenging times. Most of all, I am proud to represent my rating. Hopefully I inspired them because as long as you work hard and help each other, there is no reason you can't be at this level."

Prior to the announcement, the 10 nominees spent the week in Pearl Harbor participating in events that encouraged networking while connecting with the Pacific Fleet's rich heritage and history with visits to the Battleship Missouri Memorial, the Pacific Aviation Museum, and the USS *Arizona Memorial* where they paid their respects to the heroes of World War II with a wreath laying ceremony.

"These sailors enjoyed a series of events throughout the week in which they were able to reflect on the history and heritage of the sailors that came before them," said U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief John T. Minyard. "These 10 sailors and their families represent the more than 120,000 Sailors in the Pacific. They embody our Navy's core values and continue to sacrifice so much for our country and citizens."

The other Sea Sailor of the Year nominees were Personnel Specialist 1st Class Marianogerard Zamora, COMNAVAIRPAC; Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 1st Class Shawn-Patrick Bland, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Builder 1st Class Alfred Fehling, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Pacific; and Electrician's Mate 1st Class Franklin Tenney, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

The other Shore Sailor of the Year nominees were Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician 1st Class Jacob Shearman, NECC PAC; Electronics Technician 1st Class Andrew Edwards, COMSUBPAC; Construction Mechanic 1st Class Daniel Perez, COMNAVSURFPAC; and Cryptologic Technician (Networks) 1st Class Shanicca White, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Staff.

Former Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Elmo Zumwalt and former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy John Whittet established the Sailor of the Year program in 1972 to recognize those who best represent the group of dedicated and professional sailors from each command and ultimately the Fleet.

For more from U.S. Pacific Fleet, visit www.cpf.navy.mil.

EXIT

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For example, a program to train and employ U.S. workers to become caregivers and house workers has yet to be realized. For decades, these jobs were held by foreign workers. U.S. workers include those originally from the CNMI.

Lawmakers echoed the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's statement that a Dec. 31, 2014, end to the transition period would result in an "economic collapse."

They said the existing U.S. worker pool is not enough to immediately take over the jobs of foreign workers.

Without a transition extension, CW permit holders such as nurses, teachers, accountants, engineers, architects, and many others skilled and professional foreign workers that are not necessarily eligible for H visas need to exit the CNMI.

Some lawmakers such as Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan) said that not all 12,000 CWs should be retained because that would mean jobless indigenous people will still not have a shot at the jobs currently held by these foreign workers.

"I will not accept a blanket extension for 12,000 CWs…I will oppose that," Ogumoro said during discussions in the House chamber.

Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan), a former CNMI immigration director, reiterated that certain job categories should be reserved for U.S. workers. He cited, for example, categories for cashiers, janitors, waiters/waitresses, and gas attendants, among other posts.

Separate matter

Delegate Sablan repeatedly said that this matter about job categories is separate from the issue of extending the transition period.

He said the decision whether to extend or not the transition period lies with the U.S. Labor secretary, while the job categories exemptions fall under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's concerns.

"The U.S. Secretary of Labor needs to come up with a decision as early as possible because if he says 'no,' we'll say, 'Hello Houston we have a problem.' But he also needs data to make a determination," the delegate said during discussion with lawmakers yesterday.

In an interview later, Sablan said if no such extension is given and that decision is made in 2014, "We're in trouble. Very serious trouble."

Delegate Sablan and Gov. Eloy S. Inos have separately wrote acting U.S. Labor Secretary Seth D. Harris to ask for a five-year extension of the transition period.

They both asked that a decision be made as soon as possible, and not wait for next year to do so, to give the CNMI ample time to prepare.

Delegate Sablan specifically asked in February for a decision on the extension request by August 2013.

At yesterday's meeting, the delegate said the U.S. Labor secretary may not be able to come up with a decision by August because of a transition in leadership. Thomas Perez just got nominated in March as U.S. Labor secretary.

"But I'm hoping they will make a decision within the year, not next year," Delegate Sablan added.

The federalization law allows an extension of "up to" five years. Any extension, if granted, could only be for one, two, three or four years, Delegate Sablan said.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the administration is hopeful that the transition will be extended.

"If not, the administration is also asking that a decision be made early on so that businesses that will be impacted can prepare for the expiration of the extension. At such point, the Commonwealth too, although options will be greatly limited, will have to look at what alternatives will be available," he said.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan) invited Delegate Sablan to a meeting with House and Senate members following a request from Ogumoro and others to discuss the proposed five-year extension.

Delegate Sablan said that "much of the work needed" to prepare the CNMI for the end of the CW program lies with the Executive Branch and the Legislature, and not in Washington, D.C.

Deleon Guerrero told his colleagues that "it's already clear that this is an internal issue—how we prepare our workforce."

More US workers

The House speaker also challenged CNMI employers to hire more U.S. workers.

During the discussions, the delegate cited, for example, one popular restaurant he does not visit only because it has not hired a U.S. worker.

He also said as far as he remembers, a Commonwealth law already requires cashiers to be filled by U.S. workers, but this law is not being enforced. He said the CNMI allows this to happen.

"The federal government got involved because we didn't do our job," he added.

The delegate also asked whether the CNMI Legislature has called the Public School System and Northern Marianas College to ask where they have been using the CW fees paid by employers that hire foreign workers.

The governor's fiscal year 2014 budget estimates $1.4 million from CW fees, to be equally divided between NMC and PSS or $700,000 each.

Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) and other lawmakers said the previous administration rejected giving CW funds to the Northern Marianas Trade Institute, which is preparing U.S. workers to take on vocational skills.

The press secretary, when asked for comment, said the veto of the NMTI appropriation was a result of complying with the provisions of federal law.

"The governor must prioritize funding to public institutions for employment training first. In the event that there are sufficient resources to support private institutions, then the administration will be willing to look into that at the appropriate time," Demapan said.

He said the administration supports the extension of the transition period "because the Commonwealth lacks the adequate resident workforce to fill the void."

"There is no labor pool that we can just turn to and extract from to fill the affected positions," he added.

The federal law requires a decrease in the annual cap of CW permits until it's zeroed out by the end of the transition period. From 22,000, the latest cap is now at 15,000 but petitions for CW permits reached only over 12,000. However, the cap gives the CNMI ability to hire more given the improving economy.

Toward the end of yesterday's discussions, Ogumoro also asked for another meeting with Delegate Sablan on the U.S. Senate's Gang of Eight bill on national immigration reform, which has a provision proposing improved status for long-term foreign workers in the CNMI.

Muña assures CHC employees contracts to be issued soon

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Staff of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. who still have no new contracts can now relax after being assured by newly installed interim CEO Esther Muña yesterday that each employee will be issued their new contracts soon.

"The question about employment contract was addressed by the legal counsel. We're over with that [issue]…and we're processing now the contracts for each employee to make sure they have it," Muña said upon taking the reins of the corporation on Tuesday.

It was earlier disclosed that many employees at the public hospital, mostly nurses, are working without a new contracts after their last ones expired in 2011. Despite their worries and questions, personnel were left in the dark on this issue.

One affected employee earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that, since November 2011, she has yet to receive a notice or document proving that her contract had been renewed. No extension notices were also issued relating to her contract. Yet the employee is allowed to continue working.

Muña

According to Muña, the delay was due to a pending proposal from nursing director Letty Reyes, who was asked to come up with a new salary schedule for nurses, particularly on how to incorporate the housing allowances into their compensation scheme.

"We're waiting for the proposal from the director of nursing and until the time it is presented to us, then we will go ahead and make a decision on how we will treat the housing allowance," said Muña.

She admitted that the housing allowance will likely be removed pending a determination on how the salaries of affected employees will be adjusted to cover this benefit.

Until the new contracts are issued, however, the housing perk will continue to be issued to eligible staff, Muña said.

"The removal of the housing allowance was only done [for now] with physicians and ancilliary services and the next move is for the nurses, which is the big pool," added Muña.

She said the salaries of doctors and clinical staff have already been adjusted to move the housing benefit to their salary base.

Muna also disclosed that the housing allowance for the month of January was issued to eligible staff on Tuesday. The corporation still owes these employees the housing allowance for February through April.

The housing benefit—$600 a month for single employees and $800 for those with families—is given to employees hired from outside the CNMI. This benefit is not available for local employees. About a hundred CHC personnel receive this perk.

As of Tuesday, Muña said that the corporation has in its account about $4 million to $5 million for operational expenses.

PSS to showcase talented musicians in concert

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REPORTER

Saipan's young musicians who consistently bring honor and pride to their schools and the Commonwealth will gather in a unique celebration that will showcase their talents and skills in music.

The Board of Education and the Public School System have approved the staging of a special concert that will showcase popular musical groups that have made remarkable showings here and abroad.

According to Rizalina Purugganan, officer-in-charge of the concert, the event will be held on May 18, from 9am through noon, and is tentatively set at the Hopwood Junior High School grounds. It will be free of charge to the public.

Among the performers are the Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Band, the Koblerville Elementary School's Umang Glee Club, Marianas High School's Glee Club, and the Oleai Elementary School's Parade of Books champions.

Purugganan said this will be the first time that such a concert will be held.

Manta Ray Band music director William DeWitt earlier confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* the group's participation in the special concert.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase our amazing students in concert again," he said, adding that the group's awards and recognitions are an indication of just how far the program has advanced in the last few years.

In preparation for the May 18 concert, the Manta Ray Band is currently working on a brand new repertoire to complement their established pieces. Music from *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Les Miserables*, and pop songs by Whitney Houston will highlight their repertoire. They are also planning to add a uniquely arranged version of the CNMI anthem to their playlist and selections from the *Lion King*. The band will also perform the award-winning pieces they played at the Tumon Bay Music Festival.

The Manta Ray Band won silver in the London Celebration Music Festival in July 2012 during the Summer Olympics. Members also performed at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and had a remarkable performance three years ago in New York City's Carnegie Hall where it also won a silver award. The group has also been sweeping major awards at the Guam Tumon Bay Music Festival where it has already won the overall championship.

Koblerville Elementary School's Umang Glee Club are no slowpokes either, with the group's small ensemble and its choral group winning gold awards for three consecutive years at the Tumon Bay Music Festival, the latest in March this year. The group's conductor is Karen Alla.

MHS' Rhythm 'N Harmony Glee Club, directed by Paul Dujua, recently won as festival champion at the Tumon Bay Music Festival and has consistently been a gold medalist in musical competitions on island. The young musicians will also be competing at the national Thespian Festival in June.

The 30-member team of the Oleai Elementary School, meanwhile, is a sixth-time champion in the Parade of Books competition.

'No conflict in Masga's appointment'

Gov. Eloy S. Inos appointed Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission chair Mathew C. Masga to serve on the Commonwealth Ports Authority board of directors representing Tinian, and the administration said yesterday there is "no conflict" between the two appointments.

Masga, when asked for comment, said the administration wouldn't have appointed him to serve on the CPA board if they found any possible conflicts, considering that the administration knows he is with the Tinian casino commission.

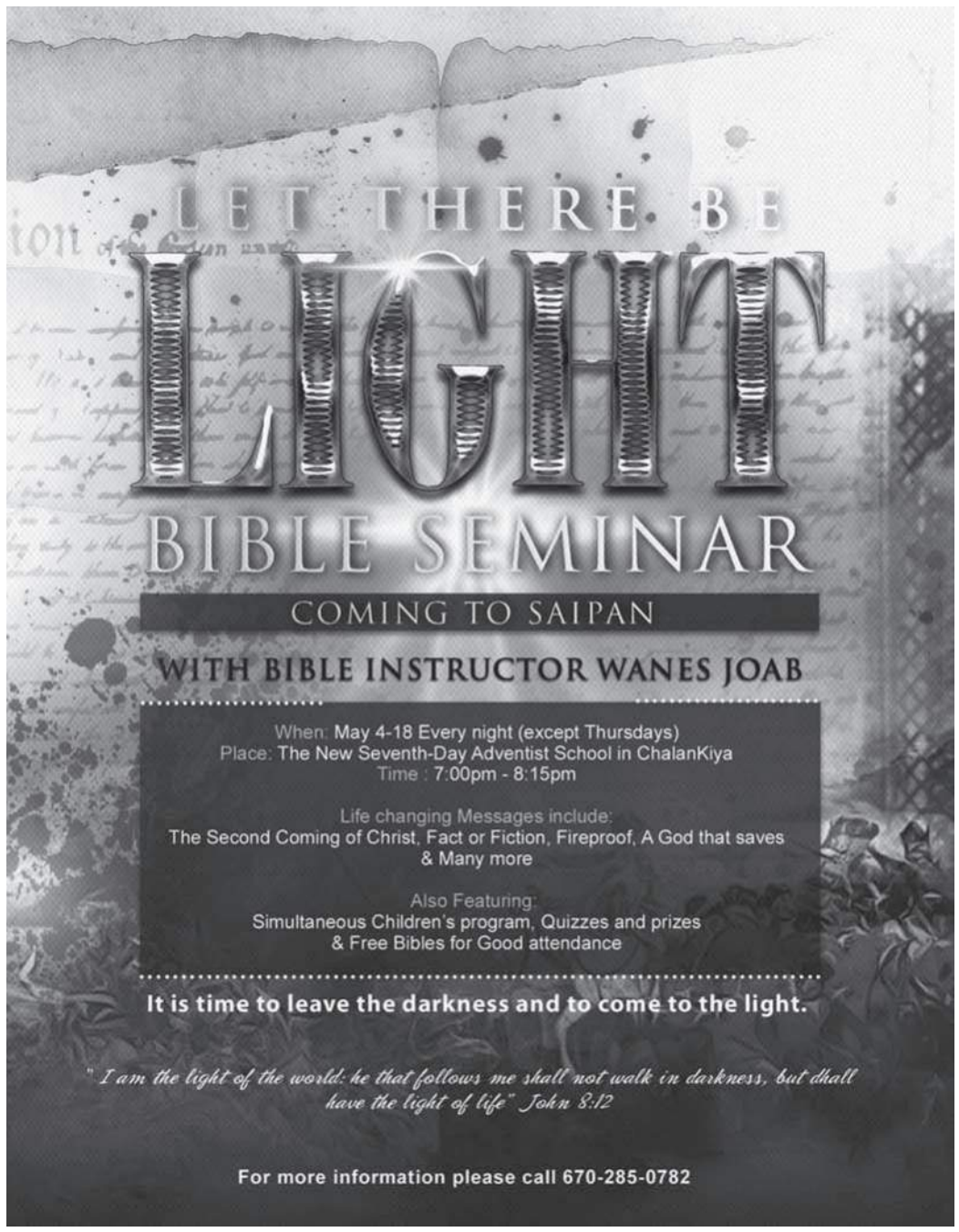
Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said, "There is no conflict."

"The administration looked into this matter before the appointment was issued," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The governor sent Masga's nomination to Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) on April 23, for the Senate's advice and consent.

If confirmed, Masga will serve the unexpired term of Manuel P. Villagomez, which will expire on June 4, 2015.

The governor nominated Masga 13 days after accepting Villagomez's courtesy resignation. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***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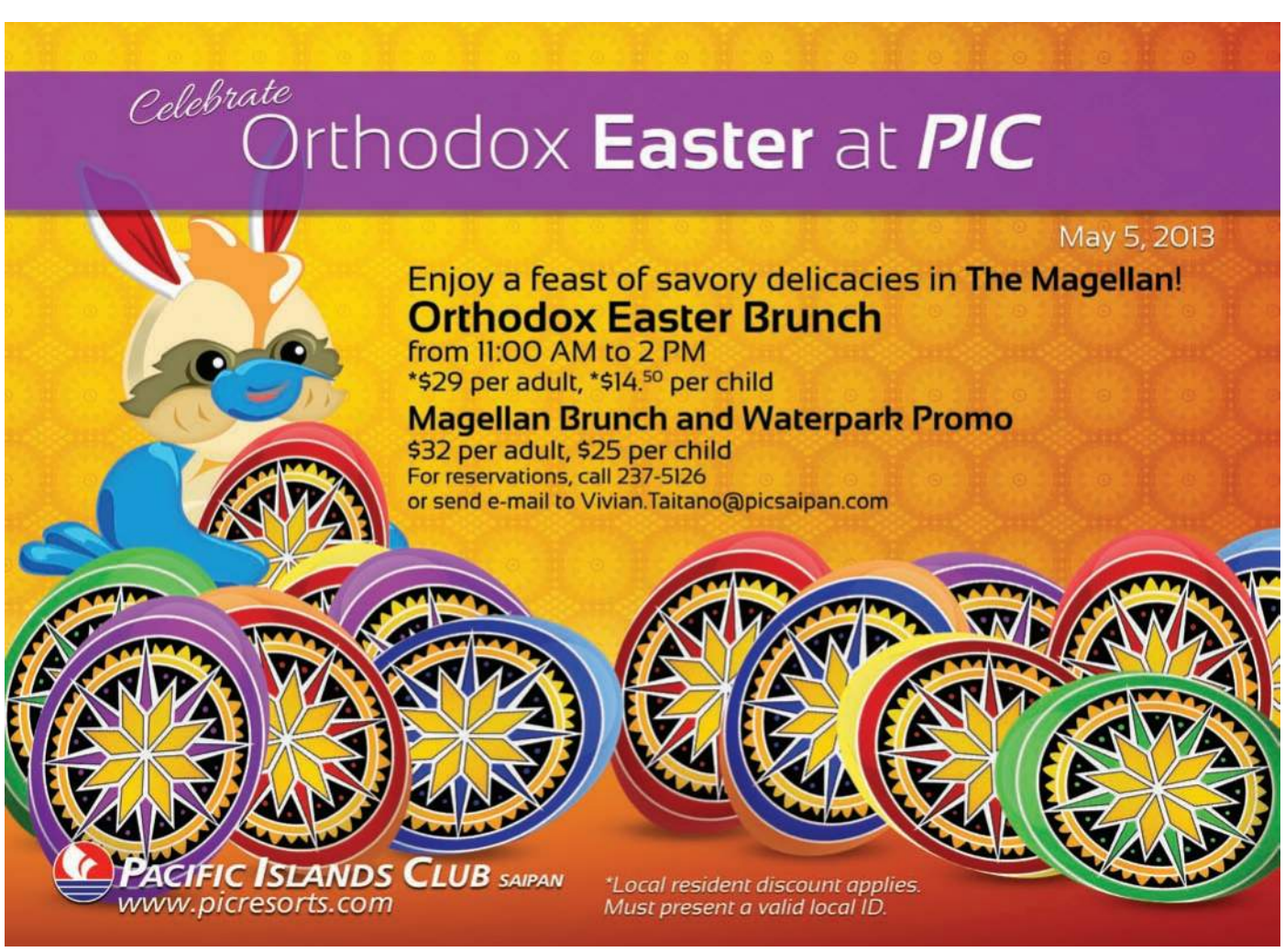
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'Active employees no voice in ongoing Fund settlement talks'

An employee of the Public School System has expressed concern that he and other active government employees have not been and cannot be adequately represented by the NMI Retirement Fund and the Office of the Attorney General in the ongoing settlement discussions.

Paul F. Joyce wrote U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood that he and other active employees have no voice in the settlement proceedings.

The settlement negotiations relate to retiree Betty Johnson's class action against the Fund and the CNMI government. Hawaii chief bankruptcy judge Robert Faris is mediating the talks.

Tydingco-Gatewood filed Joyce's letter in court on Monday.

Joyce said he is an active PSS employee for 15 years and has applied to withdraw his employee contributions with interest from the Defined Benefit Plan of the Fund, pursuant to the law, Public Law 17-82, that allows the Fund members to withdraw their contributions without separating from the government.

Joyce disclosed that since November 2012 he has not been contributing to the Fund but has a deduction for Social Security coming out of each paycheck.

Joyce suggested that if the settlement talks result in refunds not being distributed, there must be a mechanism in place to allow them to go back to the Fund and resume paying their employee contributions.

"All the time that the court debates over the various issues is service time that I have lost. I just want the court to consider our plight in this matter," he said.

Joyce should have been able to retire with full benefits in January 2014 but now lacks service time from December through April before he can retire.

"Should this matter carry on much longer I will have to work another full year in order to reach eligibility for full retirement," he said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

'Secret' is newest NMI tourism ambassador

The secret's out.

South Korean girl band "Secret" visited Saipan this month to film a new music video and become the latest celebrities to be named tourism ambassadors for the Northern Mariana Islands.

"Secret" is a girl group formed in 2009 that has had crossover success in Japan, as well.

While in the film crew was on Saipan from April 13-20, 2013, the four-member group filmed at Mandi Asian Spa, Managaha, Banzai Cliff, Capitol Hill, aboard the *Stars & Stripes*, and at other locations around island. The members also met with Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio.

"Last year the MVA tied up with international sensation PSY to promote Saipan at one of his summer concerts in South Korea. Teaming up with Secret is another part of our campaign to capitalize on promotions with celebrity tie-ups," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman.

Consisting of four members—Jeon Hyosung, Jung Hana, Song Jieun, and Han Sunhwa—the group released their debut single *I Want You Back* on Oct. 13, 2009. Their new mini album "Letter from Secret" and the music video filmed on Saipan for the title song "YooHoo" was released on April 30.

To see the new video release filmed on Saipan, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0sVjn5DGrc&list=PLA3F317343A515365&index=1. ***(MVA)***

MVA

South Korean girl band Secret met with Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio on April 17, 2013, on Saipan upon being named celebrity tourism ambassadors for the Northern Mariana Islands. The group also filmed a new music video while on Saipan.

Lujan seeks deposition of Hillblom son

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Veteran Guam lawyer David J. Lujan is seeking a deposition of his former client, Junior Larry Hillbroom, the reported DNA-proven son of the late business tycoon, Larry Lee Hillblom.

Lujan informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Monday that, through his attorneys, that he will take the deposition of Hillbroom on May 8, 2013, at 8am at the law offices of attorney Ramon K. Quichocho in Gualo Rai.

Deposition refers to the taking of testimony of a witness outside of court.

Hillbroom, who reportedly now lives in Idaho, is suing his former lawyers Lujan and Barry Israel in federal court for allegedly conspiring to inflate their contingency fee when Hillblom's fortune was still undergoing probate proceedings.

In January 2012, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed for lack of personal jurisdiction Hillbroom's lawsuit against Israel.

In the notice of deposition, Lujan listed numerous documents that Hillbroom must bring to the deposition.

Among the requested documents is a copy of all documents evidencing Hillbroom's communications and meeting with Greg Small in 2006.

It is not clear whether Lujan is referring to former FBI special agent Douglas Small, who according to Hillbroom in his lawsuit, met Hillbroom in November 2006 in San Francisco and revealed to him that conspirators stole money from his recovery in the probate.

According to the lawsuit, shortly after meeting with the FBI agent, Hillbroom allegedly discovered that his ultimate recovery after the attorneys deducted their fees and costs from his $90 million settlement of the Hillblom probate case was only about $12 million.

Hillblom died in a plane crash off Anatahan on May 21, 1995. Since the probate opened in 1995, eight children, including Hillbroom, have filed heirship and paternity claims against the estate, estimated at between $600 million to $700 million. Two other women filed late claims in 2001 and 2007, saying their three children are Hillblom's.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
MAY 2, 2013

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) THRU ITS CHAIRMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2013 AT 9:00 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, CDA BUILDING, BEACH ROAD, SAN JOSE, SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

AGENDA:

I. Preliminary Matters
  1. Roll Call
  2. Adoption of Agenda
  3. Adoption of Minutes – CDA Board Meeting March 6, 2013
II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. REPORTS
  1. Executive Director
  2. Comptroller
  3. Legal Counsel
IV. OLD BUSINESS
V. NEW BUSINESS
VI. OTHER MATTERS
VII. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session)

/s/ **PEDRO I. ITIBUS**
Chairman, CDA Board of Directors

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VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT SALE
PROJECT NO. CPA-PAN-001-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is inviting individuals, firms and scrap dealers interested in buying CPA vehicle and equipment located in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The list of vehicle and equipment will be available for pick-up at the Office of the Rota Airport Manager, Benjamin Manglona International Airport, Rota Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands beginning May 1, 2013.

All items may be viewed at the Benjamin Manglona International Airport, Rota, thru the Rota Airport Manager, Martin T. Mendiola. Mr. Mendiola may be reached at telephone number 532-9497, Monday thru Friday, 08:00 AM to 17:00 PM.

The auction will take place on **Friday, May 17, 2013** beginning 2:00 PM Local Time until 5:00 PM. All bidders submitting the highest itemized bid for the vehicle and equipment listed are required to pay 20% down payment on acceptance of bid. Balance shall be payable at CPA Rota Airport Office within five (5) working days from closing date of the Public Auction. Failure to pay will result in the forfeiture of the down payment. Payment must be made in cash, cashier's check or money order payable to Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

The NMI PSS Foundation hereby gives notice that there will be a Meeting on Thursday, May 02, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the BOE Conference Room in Bwughos Street, Susupe, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary
  1) Call to Order
  2) Roll Call
  3) Adoption of Agenda
  4) Adoption of Minutes
    a) May 16, 2012 Meeting

II. Unfinished Business

III. New Business
  1) Financial Report Update
  2) Membership Drive
  3) Foundation Fundraiser/Awareness Drive
  4) Election of Officers

IV. Miscellaneous Matters

V. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

VI. Adjournment

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Half-day session today at MHS

Marianas High School will have an early dismissal today, May 2, 2013, to prepare for the 3rd Quarter Report Card Open House. Report cards will be distributed today from 4pm to 6pm in the MHS Gymnasium. In addition, senior status letters will be distributed by counselors. Status letters help advise 12th-grade students if they are on track to graduate or not. Parents and guardians are invited to attend and take part in the in the Open House. For more information, call 237-3206. ***(PR)***

Half-day session today at Kagman High

Parents and guardians of Kagman High School are being informed that the school will have a half-day session today, May 2,2013, for our accreditation meeting preparation this school year. Students will be released at 12pm today. For any questions, contact our office at 237-3907/3834. ***(PR)***

Immunization shots for MHS students

April 30 was Immunization Day at Marianas High School. Any student who is not up to date with their immunization shots will not be allowed back to school as of May 10, 2013. Parents can call DPH to see if their child is up to date in case students lost their notification. Immunization shots are administered at no charge at the Department of Public Health. ***(PR)***

Veterans outreach next week

This is to inform all veterans that Tina San Agustin, the senior veteran's service representative, and Lee Stahli, veteran's service representative from Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, will be on Saipan for a veterans outreach on veterans' federal benefits. They will also be entertaining questions and assisting with claims.

San Agustin and Stahli will be on Saipan on Thursday, May 9, 2013, from 9am to 4:30pm, and on Friday, May 10, 2013, from 8am to 3:30pm, both at Ruth Coleman's office at Suite 206 of the Marina Height Building II.

If you wish to make an appointment or for further information, contact Bernie B. Dela Cruz at the Office of Military/Veterans Affairs at (670) 664-2650/59. ***(PR)***

CK Headstart parents notes

■ May 4 (Saturday): Let's Move CNMI Healthy & Happy Kids. Open to all kids and families ages 3 to 8 at WSR School, 8am to 12pm.

■ May 6 (Monday): CK Head start Parents & Teachers Meeting from 5:15pm to 6:30pm, at the WSR cafeteria. One parent from each family is expected to attend. Guest speakers are WSR vice principal Marji Pangelinan and WSR teacher Maria Mendoza speaking about WSR school registration and preparing your children to transition into the next grade level. Headstart management report information will be available as well.

■ May 11 (Saturday): Free parent training from the American Red Cross at WSR School cafeteria from 8am to 12pm. Snack foods and refreshments will be served.

■ May 20 to May 31: Free Parent Education Training for parents of children from 0 to 5 years old, starting at 6pm at the WSR School Cafeteria. Call Mona at 483-4398 for more information.

For CK Head Start meeting information, call Ray or May at 234-RAY1 or Brian at 789-6601. ***(PR)***

DEQ brigade cleanup on Saturday

The Division of Environmental Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be picking up trash at Coral Ocean Point this Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 8am. If you would like to volunteer, meet the DEQ representatives on Saturday at the Coral Ocean Point Parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed. For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(DEQ)***

Health and safety trainings

The American Red Cross is scheduled to conduct Preparedness Health & Safety trainings on the following dates:

■ May 7 at 5:30pm: Adult First Aid/CPR/AED Blended Learning

■ May 8 at 5:30pm: Adult CPR/AED Blended Learning

■ May 15 at 6pm: Adult CPR/AED

■ May 16 at 6pm: Pediatric CPR/AED

■ May 25 at 8am: Adult CPR/AED

Classes are held at the chapter training room on Airport Road. Blended Learning courses involve online courses with in-person skills exam and require at least 48-hour preregistration. Course fees apply. For more information on the courses listed or other certification courses, contact the chapter office at 234-3459 or visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class. ***(ARC)***

SVES kindergarten registration

San Vicente Elementary School's registration for kindergarten only is scheduled on May 28-31, 2013, from 9am through 11:30am in the school main office. The child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2008, with a date of birth between Sept. 1, 2007, and Aug. 31, 2008. Registration requirements: copy of birth certificate; original health certificate (public health or private clinic); medical insurance or accidental insurance; map of residential location; power of attorney/legal guardianship (if applicable); copy of report card or certificate of completion (from any pre-school). For more information, contact 237-3791. ***(PR)***

Kagman High Class of '04 reunion meeting

The Kagman High School Class of 2004 will have a class reunion meeting on May 7, Tuesday, at the pavilion across JP Center Bldg., Garapan, at 6:30pm. All classmates are urged to be present and should also help pass the information to other classmates. For more information or inquiry, email ayuyu2004reunion@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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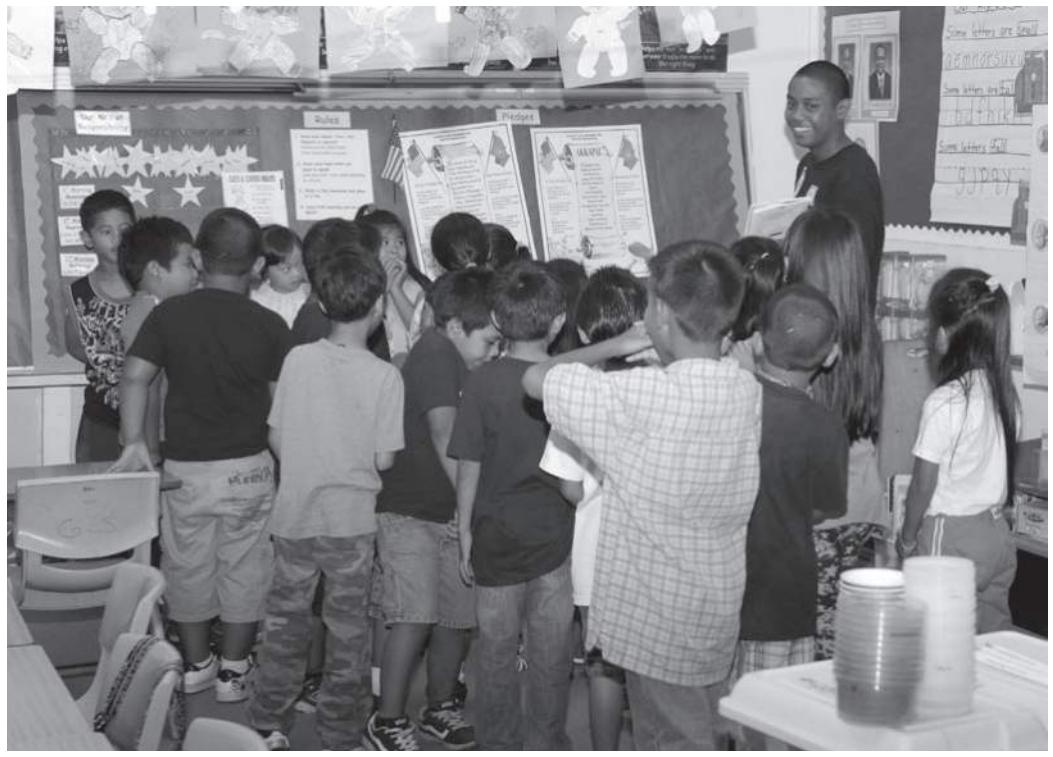

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CLUB OUTREACH

The American Red Cross Club of Kagman High School went to Garapan Elementary School on April 19 to read books to first and second graders in celebration of Library Month. The ARCC chose Garapan Elementary so that the club could read books and have activities with the students. It was a fun event for the children and high school student facilitators. The American Red Cross Club of Kagman High School looks forward to reading for other elementary schools on Saipan. If you are interested in inviting the ARCC of KHS to your school, contact Shawn Camacho, president, at 237-3840 at the main office and leave a message. He will organize the event for your school.

MVA

GARAPAN CLEANUP

Twenty students joined the travel industry's semi-annual cleanup of downtown Garapan on April 27, 2013, in preparation for an influx of visitors during Japan's Golden Week holiday.

GREAT JOB!

Congratulations to our precious daughter, Allia Raine Pillarina, for winning first place in the Math Court K-2 State Championship. We are so proud of you! Keep it up and always remember that in all you do, God is always behind you. We love you so much. Greetings come from dad, mom, and sister Traci.

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Congratulations to Joseph Victor Jimenez for winning third place in the Math Court K-2 State Championship competition. To God be the glory! Greetings come from Daddy, Mommy, and Ate Inah.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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Happy first birthday to Zowie Isabelle Sablan Deleon Guerrero! May this year be a "one"derful one for you! We love you!

READING MACHINES

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Fifth grader Aca Xie of Saipan International School has read 129 books and over 2,567,860 words this school year. He has taken all these tests with 92.7 percent of the questions correct. The Accelerated Reader Program at SIS is in its fourth year and has really helped improved reading comprehension and vocabulary for all the students. Aca has acquired over 383 points that he uses to obtain prizes. This week, the fifth graders are required 175 points. He has almost doubled that. With a reading level of 5.3, Aca continues to strive for excellence. He is one of the many "Super Readers" at SIS.

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Fifth grader Hannah Chan of Saipan International School has read 182 books and over 4,498,300 words this school year. She has taken all these tests with 93.5 percent of the questions correct. The Accelerated Reader Program at SIS is in its fourth year and has helped improved reading comprehension and vocabulary for all the students. Hannah has acquired over 661 points that she uses to obtain prizes. This week, the fifth graders are required 175 points. She has surpassed that by almost 500 points. With a reading level of 5.2, Hannah continues to strive for excellence. She is one of the many "Super Readers" at SIS.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 2, 2004

CUC, DOF probe accuracy of NMI govt utility bills

The Department of Finance and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. have agreed to check the actual utility consumption of all government offices so they could arrive at a basis for normal utility use. This arose after both CUC and the Finance Department signed a stipulated agreement where they agreed to work on resolving the problem over the government's unpaid utility billings without further bringing the matter to court. At the same time, the Superior Court has extended the Temporary Restraining Order it issued against CUC up to June 1, 2004. The TRO, issued on April 23, was supposedly in effect for only 10 days but extended for a longer period after the two parties signed the stipulated agreement.

$250K funding found for water meters

Sen. Luis Crisostimo said he has found some $250,000 in funds that could be used to buy more water meters, in efforts to solve the current water problems on the island. "This money is now available," said the senator. Crisostimo, who chairs the Senate Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications subcommittee, said that having the meters would ensure appropriate pricing of water used by consumers. In a separate interview, Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente said the CNMI Water Task Force, which he heads, has ordered enough smart meters for Saipan. When asked, Benavente said he was not aware of Crisostimo's plan.

May 2, 2005

'Lawsuit vs Brown not a personal attack'

Former Senate president Juan S. Demapan said Friday that attorney general Pamela Brown had made a settlement offer in connection with the Malite case, denying accusations that the lawsuit he has initiated to unseat her from her government post was motivated by vindictiveness. Demapan disclosed this in a document submitted to the Superior Court, denying Brown's allegation that the lawsuit was a personal, vindictive attack on her after she blocked the payment of some $3.45 million in land compensation claim to the Malite estate through a separate lawsuit. "There is evidence identified as 'Confidential Settlement Negotiations' that purports to suggest that defendant wanted settlement of the Malite lawsuit," said Demapan's attorney, Antonio M. Atalig.

CEP eyed for Korean seniors

Plans are underway to include Korea in the list of countries whose senior citizens may be allowed to stay in the islands for up to 90 consecutive days. Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Vicky I. Benavente announced in a recent MVA board meeting that Korean tourists would soon be eligible for the comity entry permit. She said attorney general Pamela Brown, who had verbally informed MVA of the development, was expected to issue a memorandum to formalize Korea's inclusion. Currently, only senior citizens from eight countries are eligible for the comity entry permit. These countries-Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, and the United Kingdom-provide a comparable permit to citizens of the Commonwealth.

May 2, 2006

'FY07 budget may be $185M-$195M'

Next fiscal year's working budget may be drastically reduced-between $185 million and $196 million-based on government actual collections this year, said House Speaker Oscar M. Babauta yesterday. "I can sense that the revenues that we used to enjoy, we won't be enjoying now. The budget will be much lower than prior years. We are looking at between $185 million to $196 million. That's my estimate because collection is not meeting the expenditure," said Babauta. The speaker, in an interview yesterday afternoon, said he has not received the Fitial administration's budget submission yet.

Call-A-Ride rides back to DD Council

The Call-A-Ride Program is no longer with the Office on Aging since last week due to the lack of official documents and its interference with the Aging Office's own operations. According to Aging Office director Howard Macaranas, who just came to office two weeks ago, the decision to send back the Call-A-Ride program to the Developmental Disabilities Council was a "bilateral termination" of operations. Macaranas said he had to give it back to the council due to the absence of a Memorandum of Agreement between the two from the previous administration. "There's no record at all," he said.

CNMI drill teams excel at national drill championships

»SSHS wins overall championship in the Armed Division

The Saipan Southern High School drill team celebrates their win.

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The CNMI PSS JROTC drill teams performed superbly during the "Golden Bear" Western National Drill Championships on April 27 in Torrance, Calif. A total of 54 high school JROTC drill teams from across the Western United States, including Guam and the CNMI, competed in this prestigious event. Competing teams included Marine Corps, Army, Air Force, and Navy units. These teams came from the public school domain, private schools, and military academies.

There were two divisions of competition: armed and unarmed. Saipan Southern High School competed in the armed category and Rota High School competed in the unarmed category. This was the first time that the CNMI drill teams have competed in this national competition.

Saipan Southern High School JROTC shocked the establishment by winning the armed division of the competition over all other schools. Rota High School JROTC performed brilliantly, winning trophies in three major drill disciplines. Over 1,000 cadets participated in the event.

Saipan Southern High School demonstrated a maturity and discipline in execution that turned the evaluators' heads. Saipan Southern won the Varsity Armed Drill Sweepstakes, which is the award for the overall winner of the armed division. This trophy was so big that flight attendants had to scurry to find a place in the airplane large enough to carry it back to Saipan.

SSHS took second place in Varsity Armed Regulation, first place in Armed Exhibition, second place in Armed Color Guard, ninth place in the Four-Man Armed Exhibition, sixth place in Armed Inspection, and second place in the Two-Man Armed Exhibition. SSHS also won the Unarmed Tap Out individual competition over 300 other cadets. The individual award winner in this category was Cadet Jude Hofschneider.

The Armed Outstanding Varsity Commander was also won by SSHS. This prestigious award was won by Cadet Major Alex Ito. He excelled over all other Armed Varsity Commanders.

Rota High School did a magnificent job with a very young team consisting mostly of 9th graders. Rota captured third place in the Unarmed Varsity Regulation, ninth place in the Unarmed Varsity Exhibition, and eighth place in the Color Guard.

The JROTC instructors and assistants deserve a great deal of credit and recognition for their outstanding training of these highly motivated cadets. The SSHS Cadre included Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Basa and Sgt. Maj. Joaquin Kiyoshi. The Rota High School JROTC Cadre included Sgt. Maj. Herman Atalig and assistants Kayla Mesgnon and Edwin Orilla.

LTC (retired) Bob Gay, director of Army Instruction, stated that the level of performance and skills demonstrated by the CNMI PSS JROTC drill teams was phenomenal.

"We have been building the CNMI JROTC program over the past five years so that the units and the cadets would have the opportunity and be able to compete at the national level in leadership, academics and drill competitions," Gay said.

Tinian High School JROTC has qualified for and competed in the National Academic and Leadership Bowls at George Mason University in two of the past four years. This competition requires you to be in the top 24 high school teams out of 1,700 programs nationwide. Rota, Tinian, and SSHS drill teams qualified for and competed in the Inaugural 8th Brigade Drill Championships last year in California against the best teams in the Western Region and Pacific Islands.

SSHS moved on in that competition last year and competed in the Inaugural JROTC Army Drill Championships in Louisville, Kentucky against the top JROTC Army units in the nation. They placed high in that competition.

The CNMI drill teams received great support from their administrators and local fans during the competition. These included SSHS principal Lynn Mendiola and Rota HS/JHS principal Sharlene Manglona. The chaperones included Ramona Manglona from SSHS and Vivian Hocog from Rota High School. Also present and cheering with great vigor was BOE member Denise "Tanya" King.

Former SSHS principals Craig Garrison and Pete Leau spent the entire day at the competition cheering the CNMI drill teams.

Gay interfaced throughout the competition with other cadres, especially the Guam cadre, which sent 58 cadets to the competition. The CNMI had 35 cadets.

Guam won the overall Unarmed Division and the Overall Combined title. They have been going to this competition the last 10 years.

"There are a lot of nuances that you pick up that help you in future events. Guam Cadre were especially impressed by the CNMI drill teams as they did not expect them to win a divisional title," Gay said.

He thanked all of the CNMI visitors, cadre, and cadets, including their dedicated bus driver, Donny.

"We will continue to develop and compete in events such as this one and provide the opportunity for our cadets to go up against the best in the nation," said Gay. "I will continue to bring in the higher echelon of JROTC leadership throughout the nation, which includes the commanding ceneral of Cadet Command, JROTC director and the 8th Brigade Commander. We need to showcase our units to these national leaders to ensure we receive our share of recognition and support. Past visits by these leaders were extremely beneficial for the overall program."

Gay also thanked the CNMI Board of Education and Education Commissioner Rita Sablan, Ed.D., for their continued support. "It takes a total 'team effort' and synergy to make things happen in competitive events of this nature."

Gay also recognized and thanked the DAI MSU office staff for their effective and loyal support. He also singled out the great work done by the CNMI PSS Central staff to include Finance, Federal Programs, and Travel.

He also thanked the Golden Bear Drill Meet director, Command Sgt. Maj. Raul Duran, for hosting the event for the past 10 years. "The level of operational and logistical support required to host an event of this magnitude is prodigious." ***(PR)***

The Saipan Southern High School Armed Drill Team members.

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The Saipan Southern High School Armed Drill Team members show off their trophies and plaques.

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A better way to track a bomber

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The mayhem in Boston the week of April 15 was a reminder of how an American city can be paralyzed by a homemade bomb. The same kinds of improvised explosive devices that menaced U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan can easily be deployed by freelance terrorists or madmen trying to send a message, incite panic or just create a media spectacle.

The Tsarnaev brothers were identified because of surveillance videotape, but the FBI might have been able to do it faster if tiny plastic markers had been part of the small-arms propellant packed into the pressure-cooker bombs. These little chips, called "taggants," have been around for close to 40 years, and their crime-solving capability is impressive. But they're not used today because of one formidable opponent: the National Rifle Association.

The idea behind taggants is both benign and ingenious, and it can be credited to a chemistry professor and former 3M employee named Richard Livesay, who had been angered over the 1970 leftist bombing at the University of Wisconsin that killed a graduate student. Explosions always create residue, and Livesay figured out that gunpowder could be seeded with bits of melamine plastic, which cannot be destroyed or melted. Each particle is about a tenth of a millimeter across and contains a layering of eight to 10 colors. They look like pepper flakes, and the specific color signature can be read with an infrared scanner, telling an investigator where that batch of explosive was produced and perhaps even the retail store where it was purchased.

After the Oklahoma City bombing revived fears of domestic terrorists in 1995, the Clinton administration asked the Treasury Department to study how taggants might be used as a traceable element in dynamite and gunpowder. But the NRA complained that the program could result in a registry of gun owners (the same argument that sank the recent attempt at a universal background check for firearms purchases).

Jim Pasco, a former assistant director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said the NRA "objected to record-keeping." Manufacturers would have to keep logs of when and where different batches of explosives were distributed to retail outlets, which are already required to maintain records of purchases of explosives. The trail this generated would be broad—many retailers and many purchasers—but the process still came too close to the gun lobby's discomfort with government surveillance.

That the proposal came from the ATF also didn't help matters, according to William Vizzard, an emeritus professor of criminal justice at Cal State Sacramento and a former ATF special agent. The NRA's distrust of the federal law enforcement agency was so great, he said, that "if we suggested having a picnic, they would have immediately denounced picnics as a communist plot."

The NRA successfully pressured Congress to keep the ATF away from the issue, although it did participate in a National Academy of Sciences study of taggants in 1999. The outcome was a report that half-heartedly acknowledged that the plastic chips "could be of further assistance" in a forensic investigation and called for more research. The idea has lain dormant ever since.

Explosives manufacturers have no ideological opposition to taggants, but they do want to make sure the science is unassailable, the taggants don't interfere with the use of their products

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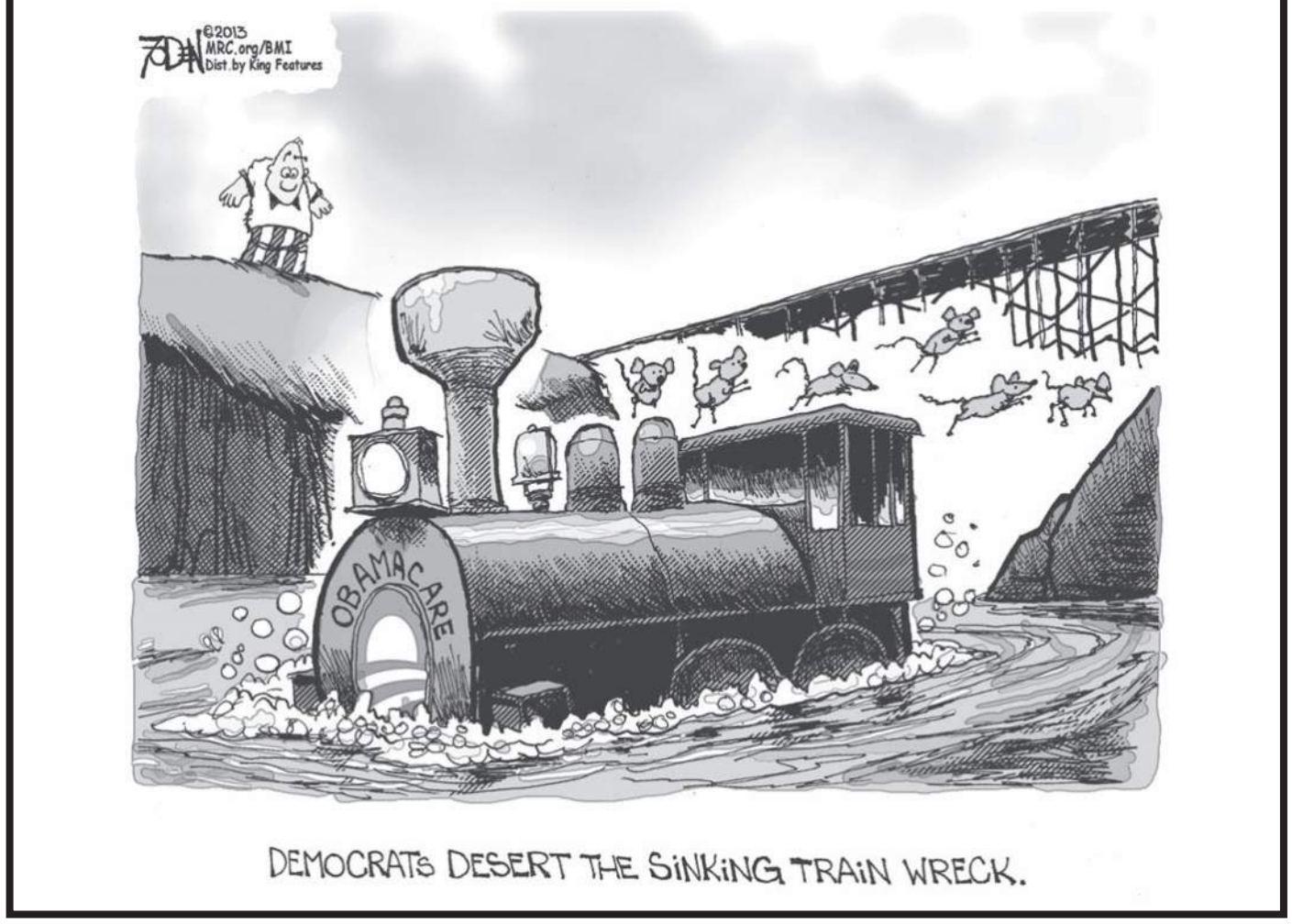

In China, let a thousand blogs bloom

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China employs an army of censors. As many as 50,000 well-trained monitors police the Internet, and 12 government departments are empowered to search and seize information and shut down users and sites. They work fast: A recent study conducted by two American computer scientists found that 30 percent of banned posts are removed within half an hour of posting, and 90 percent within 24 hours.

International corporations must abide by the censors or forgo doing business in China. Paramount Pictures, for example, agreed in April to cut scenes from a new Brad Pitt movie to remove an unflattering reference to China. For those who do get unwanted messages out, punishments are harsh. A journalist who exposed shoddy school construction was sentenced to five years in jail. When former Independent Chinese PEN Center President Liu Xiaobo called for democratic reforms online, he was sentenced in 2009 to 11 years in jail. His courage earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 2010, news of which was blocked in China.

Yet even China's elaborate system of speech control may be no match for the hundreds of millions of Chinese armed with cellphones and microblog accounts. Chinese writers have developed clever, low-tech ways to evade censors. When Kai-Fu Lee, the former head of Google in China and now a technology entrepreneur, posted an image of a tea set this year, his followers knew he'd been visited by authorities "for tea," a euphemism for interrogation. Chinese writers are now skilled at pressing the panic button; news of the latest avian flu outbreak got out before the censors could stop it and attracted more attention precisely because the government tried to hide it.

In February, Lee had a more direct response when he was banned from Chinese Twitter-style microblog sites for his criticisms of government censorship. He had more than 30 million followers on social media, millions more than President Obama. Cut off from his audience, Lee invited them to more hospitable territory: Twitter. "I've been silenced," he told his 1 million Twitter fans. "Everyone can come here to find me." And they did, provoking days of protest until the Chinese censors relented.

Ten years ago, much of that story would have been unimaginable. A business leader like Lee would not have been writing daily for a mass audience, especially not in China. There was no array of competing microblog platforms allowing him to evade the censors and alert the world. The global backlash from Lee's followers and the media would not have been swift and potent enough to lead the censors to back down so fast.

Yet while the technologies and tactics are new, Lee's cat-and-mouse game with Chinese censors is not. China has long been intolerant of dissent, brazen in silencing challengers and relentless in controlling the tools of expression. Lee and his government, like writers and officials in many authoritarian nations, are now locked in an arms race in which new digital tools and platforms for expression are being met with insidious techniques of surveillance and censorship. The future of free speech depends on ensuring that the voices of liberty win out over the machinery of suppression.

The landscape of free speech has been transformed in the last decade. Twitter has more than 500 million registered users, and Chinese sites collectively register more than 1 billion accounts. Social media and microblogging allow anyone with something to say to find an audience, even in some of the world's most repressive societies. And as barriers to entry fall for would-be writers, boundaries that separate writers from readers are also disintegrating.

However, as speech has mushroomed, so have strictures. Digital repression began in China nearly 20 years ago when the government identified the Internet as a threat to state power and national unity. Legislation in the mid-1990s barred transmission of information in nine broad categories, including attacks on the reputation of state institutions and activities that contravene the Chinese Constitution or laws. Later laws restricted online providers from operating without a state license or making available international news.

Caught in a race against new platforms and technologies, China's censorship may gradually collapse under its own weight. Surveillance slows Internet traffic, burdening the country's vast economic engine. Even pillars of the system are showing cracks. In late March, Zeng Li, a long-serving censorship official, wrote a deathbed apology for banning pieces he shouldn't have. "I don't want to be a sinner against history," he wrote.

Because of its ferocity, China's battle with unwanted speech will either embolden or inhibit censors in other authoritarian regimes. It may also dictate whether China lets dissent build under pressure or instead lets off steam, enabling its politics and society to evolve in response to public needs and demands.

For defenders of free speech, these high stakes mean that the fight against censorship in China must be a call to arms. Governments and international groups must support human rights defenders and free speech advocates. Corporations doing business in China must resist capitulation to censorship, surveillance and government encroachment on personal freedoms. Ordinary citizens, online and off, must amplify the voices of Chinese writers and bloggers, transmitting their messages and demanding their freedom.

Only by siding with and arming the Chinese rebels will free speech win the day.

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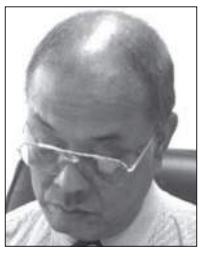

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Un' lemlim tautau, sige hu deka' kueddas guitala-hu yan kanta siha ni man-oppan gi sisienta yan sitienta siha na sakan.

Hu bisitan ñaihon chalan memorias gi finaposta antes. Guaha ha' hu soda' na man-atuñgu', guaha esta man-hanau para i deskanson niha, i tetehnan dañkulu na afulu' yan sisteman mames yan pinadesen rusketi.

Enfin, dañkulu guinifen mame antes. Adahe na tiniladan pumada in' padet gi mulatun gapot-ulun mame pot para bai'n mostra si Elvis Presley. Dispues, in' setta chininan mame kadu' ham i Beatles ginen Iñglatera. Tat hogsu' ti in' feddus man-e'bras para fahan botas Beatles. Adahe na animu guihe na tiempu.

Lau buente pot man-mattu hit gi idat mediu sisienta ya man-achacha uguñg hit pot putin koyentura na ta li'e i chadeg na finapos tiempu. Kulan mohon nigap ha' 'nai man-hugagandu hit bola gi plasan eskuela 'sino man-adulalag gi kantun tasi para i doktrina.

I finapos tiempu humanau guatu gi leblon "mames memorias". I kanta siha sunidon antes 'nai tat ti numa'e animu deste estudiu, che'chu' gualu yan peska. Man-makreansa hit fitme ni mañainata pot preparasion futtuna-ta.

Lau i finaposta kulan maliñgun chiop gi hagun cha'guan siha 'nai inina dispues ni atdau.

Pagan: Planon Militat

Hu li'e ginatboña iya Pagan 'nai hu bisita 'nos kuantos años malofan. Mampos bonita na maulegña buente 'an masotta para usun tautau tanu' ke uma-estotba sin presisu.

Umatotpe sentimentoghu yan planon para uma-usa i tanu' para eksisiun gera. Mafattu gi hinasoghu i destrosiu yangin matutuhon usun pake, kañon yan otru siha man-dañkulu na atmas.

Dispues, yangin masede atkilon iya Pagan, kau guaha gi halom planon militat i para u sede tautau-ta mañaga guihe? Ileghu na ti sumasaunau este na patte gi planon niha. Lau un' planu na siempre kulan petmanente ha huchum appottunidat tautau-ta gi usun tanu' niha.

Hana' hahassu-yu' este na dibate gi duranten negosiun kontratan i Covenant. Ilegña este na amku': "Kontentuyu' linala' poble gi hilu' humidde ke para bai' usa tihuñg ginefsaga 'nai guaha otruyu' dumispopone". Hu guadog ñaihon finu' ayu na saina. "Mas misustansia ihu finapos un' poble ke un' maplanta na attitifisi gi ha'animu".

Mauleg ta diskute este na asuntu pot linala' famaguonta 'nai sige mona este na siglu. Ta pega antau siha na kuestion gi hilu' esperansa na guaha enfin satton na ineppe para finapos tautau-ta siha.

Si pindehu de kimchee'

Sige de kadu' atburutau i ma'gas sankattan na Korea na para u pake iya Guam, Hawaii, Japon yan sanlichan na Korea. Lau guaha motibu na kadu' matatñga-gue': Biyon pot Biyon pesus ha resisibe ginen Iran ayu mina' kadu ha senchatli'e Amerikanu.

Achog guahu manana'e biyon pesus. Kontodu bailan kaiman yan saru bai' sige fumatta gi kanton chalan de hemunos haye u kuentos. Klaru lokue' na gigon lache na batunes ha hoñu', ensegidas mama-apu enteru tanu' sankattan na Korea. Pues po'lu ya u sigeha' mama' gayun tandan ni kada ratu ha ke patek un' makreansa na gayun gayera.

Esta sigeyu' chumaleg tuyan sa' i pairen kimchee' gi sankattan na Korea kulan ayu i chatpaire ni mapanag gilitai ya sige marastra mataña gi hilu' odda. Lau guiya mas a'gañg umeselau na kumu "kaluhuyu' hu punu' hau". De dios mihu! Finu' famaguon, "I don't born yesterday, lai".

Geran Lotte yan DFS

Umatotpe dos dañkulu na kompania giya Guam gi ginagau planu yan moneda para manbenden attikulu siha gi plasan ruplanu. I Duty Free yan Lotte i dos mas dañkulu gi halom 'nos kuantos ni man-na'halom planu yan moneda.

Te'ug na gera mafañagu 'nai mana'e i kompanian Lotte. Ensegidas i DFS ha chaba' i disision gi hechuran fina' keha. I planun Lotte sumasauna para umata'lon aregla i plasa pot para siña u fatta haf' sustansian iya Guam yan tautauña. Lau guaha siha fina' inasogne pot regalu gi membron i kuetpon GAA ayu mina' gaddun gi hilu estrakadan ligat i asuntu.

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Hu bisita un' che'luhu giya Kagman pot para bai' li'e minañgao gualafon gi hilu' tasin sanhaya. Kase ennau 'las sais imedia 'nai ha tutuhon kahulu'. Fininaigue ni trosun uchan yan freskun mañglu' ni machalapon deste sanhaya esta'i sanlagu. Magahet na taya' parehuña i bonitan pulan gi hilu' silensiu yan trañkilu na isla.

Dispues, mauleg i finatton gualafon sa' kontodu relasion tautau hana' fan ma'aggem. Fresku i pueñge, anchu pinasensia-mu ya felis maigo'mu dispues. Gi chagchag chatagmag kontodu sabot kafe sumen paupau. I primet pusuelu pumañgun titanos-mu. I segundu kase esta siña un' halan ñaihon i eskoban sanhiyuñg. I tetset, kontra finatane' gi haguhan metbios.

Letter to the Editor

The right answers

I recalled a friend of mine in the editorial staff of *Saipan Tribune* and, paraphrasing what he once said, "The CNMI government is a microcosm of a living and learning being that exactly knows all the answers it is dealing with, except that those in charge in government bureaucracy are asking the wrong questions." Or is the opposite argument to this holds true, in that we ask the right questions but the outcomes are manifesting in wrong answers? One views accountability in government circles as an upside down or inverted pyramid phenomenon that starts from the Office of the Governor and ripple all the ways down to the lowest of the government workforce. If we have this frame of mind or point of reference, then as stakeholders of the CNMI government, the only right and real question that we could ask for all the gatekeepers in the CNMI government is "What are our real priorities?" To this day, we have been schooled that the Retirement Fund, tourism industry, CHC, DPS, PSS, and CUC are our major headaches, and represent the focus of the CNMI government's allocation of its resources. And, the CNMI government has over 4,000 employees that are taking charge of these evolving and stagnating strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threads flowing vertically and sideways all the time like a washing machine.

The point about all answers being available if we ask the right question is unquestionable. Here is why. If the governor declares to his Cabinet his three major priorities for fiscal year 2013 and three additional high priority matters for fiscal year 2014, that starting point should trigger all efforts as the target and the basis for all concentration and commitment moving forward. Then the governor will in turn command all appointing authorities below him to make the same parallel and constructive declaration under their respective jurisdictions. What follows will fall in place and engage the process of checking and balancing the focus and determination for the immediate and impending fiscal year targets. In the end, we should have a multiplier effect of over 12,000 committed priorities that would be the subject of performance evaluation and audit at a time in 2013 and 2014.

In the case of the Legislature, Judiciary, and the municipal governments, the same exercise should be pursued and followed starting from the top with the outcome reviews at a date certain in 2013 and 2014. The Legislature should be the cornerstone of real efforts as that branch of government is critical to the social, economic, and political policies this part of the government stirs for all citizens on the three islands. In order to check on all the legislators' statements and declarations of priorities for their respective constituents, a public hearing on this matter should be held so that we will know what these elected officials have as priorities for fiscal years 2013 and 2014. This exercise should not be a rewrite or rehash of campaign platforms or slogans, but should represent some real and committed objectives that parallel and are in common with what the Executive Branch has planned for in its attempt to rebuild the CNMI economy and its social counterparts. Delivering and setting tents for parties or clearing overgrown bushes in PSS bus stops are matters too silly a situation worth thinking about and paying attention to as lawmakers and stewards of public funds and resources.

I agree and I know that many would share and follow the thought that even if only one out of 11,999 could come up with the right answer for the right question, we will have a legitimate and sustainable response to a known matter. Since we are looking for answers, we've got at least one on target. Taking charge only comes because one asks the simple question. There is no reason why our governor should be a storm center for answers when he has all the resources to command, where solutions come in the form of priorities from the bottom up, and left to right, as well. Accountability means the governor's perspective should be "just do it," and for as long as all those below him are not boring holes below the water line, it should be his primary priority. As citizens, our perspective on this is one of sureness and economy, the simpler the better, and those in charge of the daily businesses of governing should man up, map up, and give credence to doing an honest and credible job. Remember, we are not in positions of influence to make things happen and are counting on people in government circles to keep up with the pace and secure that we are on track. The excitement of all these is when we are secure in our minds, expecting that all parts of government are doing their part.

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and the cost isn't prohibitive, said Christopher Ronay, the head of the Institute of Makers of Explosives, a lobbying and safety group. "Everyone would like to see a marker that's durable and readable," he said. As for NRA opposition, he said: "Frankly I don't know why that would bother anyone—tracing a product back to its manufacturer." When we asked the NRA last week if it stood by its decades of opposition to taggants, it declined to make a comment.

There is no doubt that requiring taggants would result in a marginally higher shelf price for gunpowder and dynamite; the ATF estimated the cost at 2 cents per pound of explosives in the mid-1970s, and that ratio has not changed. Although this isn't an apples-to-apples comparison, it's worth noting that economists have said closing down Boston for a day cost about $333 million; a few extra pennies are a bargain by comparison.

The NRA also suggested that taggants would be useless distractions to an investigation—"like finding a needle in a haystack" was the phrase a gun lobbyist used—but there is a case on the books that proves the opposite.

Federal agents were experimenting with taggants in 1979. They inserted them into explosives sold from a West Virginia plant. Later that year a steelworker in Baltimore named Nathan Allen was killed by a crude dynamite bomb placed under the seat of his truck. Taggants were found at the scene, and federal agents were able to narrow down a list of possible retailers, who then helped them figure out purchasers of the particular batch of explosives used. The list included Allen's uncle, who suspected that Allen was having an affair with his wife. The uncle was convicted, and a federal judge later noted that "the use of taggants in explosives rests upon well-established scientific principles."

After a bombing, police need every clue that a crime scene can yield. The 1993 World Trade Center bombing was quickly solved because of a clue in the wreckage: a serial number on a mangled axle that led the FBI to a Ryder truck dealership and then to the man who placed the bomb. Homicide detectives can trace the origin of a bullet by the unique groove markings of a gun barrel. Taggants would be a similar telltale signature. Just the fact of their presence would serve as a deterrent to kitchen-sink bombers.

Some courageous Republicans defied the NRA in 1996 to support a study on placing taggants in black powder. Congressman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., was among them because, as he told a reporter, "I want my party to be the party of law and order, as it always has been, and not the party of the militias."

With the Boston bombings fresh in everyone's mind, Congress needs to stand up to NRA foolishness and resurrect this eminently good idea.

Tom Zoellner is an associate professor of English at Chapman University. Sam Kleiner is a student at Yale Law School. They wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲85° ▼76°	▲85° ▼75°	▲87° ▼76°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

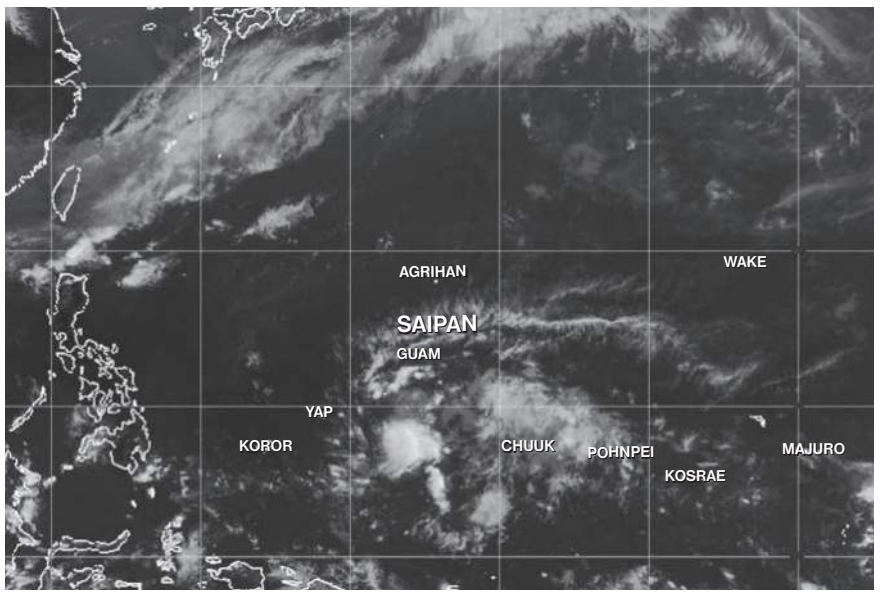
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼80
Palau	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲91	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲87	▼81
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86	▼80
Kosrae	Showers	▲86	▼80
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲69	▼61
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼50
Hong Kong	Showers	▲73	▼69
Honolulu	Sunny	▲84	▼73
London	Partly Cloudy	▲58	▼39
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼59
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲94	▼82
Melbourne	Sunny	▲65	▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲83	▼73
New York	Sunny	▲66	▼47
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼46
Paris	Showers	▲65	▼51
Pusan	Windy	▲64	▼49
Rome	Showers	▲68	▼58
Salem	Sunny	▲72	▼41
San Francisco	Sunny	▲78	▼58
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲66	▼44
Tokyo	Showers	▲62	▼48
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲71	▼51

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence ahead of a cold front well northwest of the Marianas is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 50 miles of a line from 21N130E to 23N135E. A poorly-organized tropical disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from east of Yap to south of Guam and across Chuuk state between 1N and 11N from 142E to 157E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Majuro east of a line from EQ175E to 6N175E. A cold front curves west-southwestward from northeast of Wake Island at 25N179E to 21N168E then continues as a shear line toward the west-northwest across Minami Tori Shima to beyond 25N at 152E. Scattered showers are seen along and up to 150 miles north of this boundary.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:39 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
8:25 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
1:01 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
8:25 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:53 AM	6:35 PM
Friday	5:53 AM	6:35 PM
Saturday	5:52 AM	6:35 PM
Sunday	5:52 AM	6:36 PM
Monday	5:52 AM	6:36 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today		11:52 AM
Friday	12:48 AM	12:49 PM
Saturday	1:34 AM	1:43 PM
Sunday	2:16 AM	2:36 PM
Monday	2:58 AM	3:27 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)

SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:20pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:45am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN

SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	8:05am	12:45am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:40am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Business

US agencies approve DoCoMo's acquisition of MCV

A number of federal agencies in the United States, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Homeland Security, have approved the proposed acquisition of cable company MCV Broadband by Japan's NTT DoCoMo, according to a report in Guam's *Pacific Daily News*.

The Japanese firm agreed to purchase MCV Broadband, a supplier of cable television, telephony and high speed internet services in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, from private equity firm Seaport Capital last year and the deal received approval from Guam's telecoms regulator, the Public Utilities Commission, in December.

In a letter sent by the Justice Department's National Security Division to the Federal Communications Commission, the agencies said: "Through this petition, the agencies advise the [FCC] that they have no objection to the commission approving the authority sought in the above-referenced proceeding, provided that the commission conditions its approval on the assurance of DoCoMo Guam Holdings Inc….a wholly owned subsidiary of NTT DoCoMo Inc., to abide by the commitments and undertakings set forth in the October 2006 Agreement between DoCoMo Guam and the federal agencies."

NTT DoCoMo already owns Guam-based telecoms operator DoCoMo Pacific; the Japanese firm entered the local market in 2006, after agreeing to acquire two Guam-based mobile networks, Guamcell Communications and GSM operator Guam Wireless Telephone Company (HafaTel), for $71.8 million, notes TeleGeography's GlobalComms Database. The acquisition was completed in December 2006 and the pair were subsequently merged under the Guamcell Communications brand. In October 2008 NTT DoCoMo announced that it had renamed its Guam subsidiary DoCoMo Pacific; today the combined entity is the island's leading mobile operator by subscribers. ***(www.telegeography.com)***

United awards employees $125K for excellent customer service

GUAM—United Airlines has awarded $125,000 to employees across the company for excellence in customer service as part of the company's Outperform Recognition Program. The company held a celebration on Thursday at A.B. Won Pat International Airport on Guam. This is the second program recognition event.

Launched in June 2012, the Outperform Recognition Program invites eligible customers who are MileagePlus members to nominate eligible employees for service at the airport, on the phone, on a flight, or at any other point in their experience with United and United Express. Employees from all work groups, including pilots, flight attendants, ramp and customer service employees, may be nominated.

The airline randomly selected 16 winning employees from more than 5,200 customer nominations submitted during the three-month nomination period of the program from October through December 2012.

"I am excited to continue recognizing and rewarding our co-workers who delivered excellent service to our customers. It's our job to provide our customers with the best experience possible when they're traveling with us," said Kyle Betterton, United's managing director, Airports – Americas, Asia and EMEA, who attended the celebration event in Guam to present the grand prize to the winning employee and an award to the customer who nominated her. "More than 5,200 employees around the system were nominated by our customers for their outstanding service during the period, and I am very proud to be part of this great team."

Mayflor Hattori, a Guam-based Airport Service Agent, won the Grand Prize of $50,000 in cash for service she provided to customer Marybeth Torres at Guam airport last fall.

"Mayflor was very helpful, pleasant and made me feel like I was important," said Marybeth Torres. "I had to make changes to my travel and add another itinerary for a family member in the U.S. and she responded, 'You can make as many changes as you need, I'm here to help you and get you where you need to go, how can I help you?' Mayflor is an excellent example of our island spirit and represents the warm hospitality. She made me feel valued. I am grateful for the program that provides an opportunity for customers to recognize excellent customer service. It's because of the service that I receive from the moment I pick up the phone to make my reservations, checking in at the airport and on the airplane, that United continues to be my airline of choice for all my travel."

For submitting the winning Grand Prize nomination, the airline awarded Marybeth Torres with a voucher for two round-trip tickets valid for international travel to anywhere United flies. Other customers who submitted winning nominations received frequent flyer mileage awards.

The current Outperform Recognition Program nomination period runs from April 2 through June 30, 2013.

For more information on the program, including the Official Rules and eligibility requirements, customers can visit www.united.com/outperform. Customers can nominate employees using United's mobile app, United.com, Unitedhub.com, as well as United's Facebook page.

The Outperform Recognition Program builds on the airline's additional employee reward and recognition programs, such as awarding cash payouts for meeting on-time performance goals. Employees can also win brand new cars for achieving perfect attendance. ***(United Airlines)***

UNITED AIRLINES

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Monster suing SF city attorney over energy drinks

NEW YORK (AP)—Monster Beverage is suing San Francisco's city attorney over demands that the company reduce the amount of caffeine in its energy drinks and stop marketing to minors. The company, based in Corona, Calif., says it's being unfairly singled out by City Attorney Dennis Herrera, who late last year had asked Monster to produce documentation showing that its drinks are safe. Since then, Monster says Herrera has asked it to reformulate its drinks and change its labels and marketing materials. Herrera said in a statement Tuesday afternoon that he would aggressively push for Monster to reform its practices, and he noted that his office had been in good-faith negotiations with the company until recent weeks.

Digital fees pay off for 2 top-selling newspapers

NEW YORK (AP)—*The Wall Street Journal* remains the top-selling U.S. daily newspaper, but *The New York Times* has surpassed *USA Today* for second, thanks to an expansion into digital subscriptions, according to a report released Tuesday by an industry group. *The Journal*'s weekday circulation averaged 2.38 million from October through March, the period covered by the report from the Alliance for Audited Media. That was a 12 percent increase from the same period a year ago, the AAM said. Most of the growth came in digital subscriptions, which accounted for nearly 900,000, or 40 percent, of the total circulation at the newspaper, which is owned by News Corp. *The New York Times* began charging for unlimited access to its heavily trafficked website two years ago. The move has helped boost its paid circulation by reeling in more subscribers who are willing to pay for unlimited digital access the newspaper's content. *The Times*' weekday circulation averaged 1.87 million during the latest period, an 18 percent increase from last year. The figure included digital circulation of 1.13 million, a 32 percent increase from last year.

FDA: Morning-after pill OK for ages 15 and up

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government is moving the morning-after pill over the counter but only those 15 and older can buy it—an attempt to find middle ground just days before a court-imposed deadline to lift all age restrictions on the emergency contraceptive.

Today, Plan B One-Step is sold behind pharmacy counters, and buyers must prove they're 17 or older to buy it without a prescription or else see a doctor first. Tuesday's decision by the Food and Drug Administration lowers the age limit to 15—and will allow the pill to sit on drugstore shelves next to condoms and spermicides or other women's health products. But customers must prove their age at the cash register.

Teva Women's Health, which makes Plan B, said it would begin over-the-counter sales in a few months.

The question is whether Tuesday's action settles a larger court fight. Earlier this month, U.S. District Judge Edward Korman of New York blasted the Obama administration for imposing the age-17 limit, saying it had let election-year politics trump science and was making it hard for women of any age to obtain the emergency contraception in time. He ordered an end to all age restrictions by Monday, for Plan B and its generic versions.

The FDA said Tuesday's decision was independent of the court case and wasn't intended to address it. Technically, the FDA approved Teva's application to sell Plan B in this manner.

The Justice Department remained mum on whether it planned to appeal Korman's decision, and the White House had no immediate comment.

The women's group that sued over the age limits said Tuesday's action is not enough, and it will continue the court fight if necessary.

Lowering the age limit "may reduce delays for some young women but it does nothing to address the significant barriers that far too many women of all ages will still find if they arrive at the drugstore without identification," said Nancy Northup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights.

The FDA said the Plan B One-Step will be packaged with a product code that prompts the cashier to verify a customer's age. Anyone who can't provide such proof as a driver's license, birth certificate or passport wouldn't be allowed to complete the purchase. In most states, driver's licenses, the most common form of identification, are issued at age 16.

"These are daunting and sometimes insurmountable hoops women are forced to jump through in time-sensitive circumstances, and we will continue our battle in court to remove these arbitrary restrictions on emergency contraception for all women," Northup said.

Nation

Obama hints at potential military action in Syria

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama signaled Tuesday he would consider U.S. military action against Syria if "hard, effective evidence" is found to bolster intelligence that chemical weapons have been used in the 2-year-old civil war. Among the potential options being readied for him: weapons and ammunition for the Syrian rebels.

Despite such planning, Obama appealed for patience during a White House news conference, saying he needed more conclusive evidence about how and when chemical weapons detected by U.S. intelligence agencies were used and who deployed them. If those questions can be answered, Obama said he would consider actions the Pentagon and intelligence community have prepared for him in the event Syria has crossed his chemical weapons "red line."

"There are options that are available to me that are on the shelf right now that we have not deployed," he told reporters packed into the White House briefing room.

Beyond lethal aid to the rebels, several government agencies are also drafting plans for establishing a protective "no-fly zone" over Syria and for targeted missile strikes, according to officials familiar with the planning. However, the officials, who spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the internal deliberations, stressed that Obama had not yet decided to proceed on any of the plans.

As Obama raised the prospect of deeper U.S. involvement, Hezbollah's leader said Tuesday that his Iranian-backed militant group stood ready to aid Syrian President Bashar Assad. And new violence in Syria hit the capital of Damascus, as a powerful bomb ripped through a bustling commercial district, killing at least 14 people.

Mindful that any military intervention in the combustible Middle East would be complicated and dangerous, Obama hinted the U.S. would probably avoid taking action unilaterally. Part of the rationale for building a stronger chemical weapons case against Assad, Obama said, is to avoid being in a position "where we can't mobilize the international community to support what we do."

Obama has resisted calls to expand U.S. assistance beyond the nonlethal aid the government is providing the rebels. That has frustrated some allies as well as some U.S. lawmakers, who say the deaths of 70,000 Syrians should warrant a more robust American response.

Tuesday's wide-ranging news conference coincided with the 100-day mark of Obama's second term. It's a stretch that has been defined by the defeat of gun control legislation he supported, as well as the continuation of old disputes that marked the president's first four years in office, including the Syria conflict and the launching of his controversial health care overhaul. Asked if he still had "the juice" to get legislation approved, he smiled and paraphrased Mark Twain's famous line, saying, "Rumors of my demise may be a little exaggerated at this point."

Another issue that frustrated Obama in his first term resurfaced when he was pressed about the hunger strike at Guantanamo Bay, the detention center he promised to close but hasn't been able to. Obama said he would make another run at it, though he was vague about how.

AP

President Barack Obama walks to the podium before answering questions during his new conference in the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, April 30, 2013.

Obama vows again to close prison at Guantanamo Bay

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama on Tuesday renewed his pledge to close the prison for terrorist suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, but the impediments that have thwarted him thus far remain.

At a White House news conference, Obama said he would try to persuade Congress to end restrictions that have prevented him from closing the facility. The president's comments followed the arrival Monday of medical reinforcements at the U.S. naval prison to help deal with a hunger strike by about 100 of the 166 detainees there. The forced feeding of detainees has refocused human rights concerns on the issue.

"I don't want these individuals to die," Obama told reporters.

He added that the situation was "not sustainable" and that he had asked advisers to review it. He also said he would press the issue with lawmakers.

"I'm going to re-engage with Congress to try to make the case that this is not something that's in the best interest of the American people," he said.

Obama first vowed to close the prison while campaigning for president ahead of his 2008 election. But after Congress passed restrictions on the transfer of detainees to the United States and other countries, the president largely abandoned the issue.

Obama has transferred many prisoners from Guantanamo to other countries and has called for moving the remaining detainees to maximum security facilities in the United States.

But the lawmakers, mostly Republican, who blocked Obama's push to close the facility in his first term remain no less committed to keeping it open and there is no public clamor to do so. Lawmakers opposing the closure have express concern about security and have argued that the rules of civilian courts are not appropriate for terrorism prosecutions.

Despite Obama's pledge to make another run at closing Guantanamo, the president was vague about how broad an effort he planned. And it was unclear how much political capital he was willing to spend on the vexing issue, particularly if it distracts from other second term priorities like overhauling immigration laws or seeking a "grand bargain" deficit-reduction deal.

Information sharing before bombings under review

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama said Tuesday his counterterrorism bureaucracy "did what it was supposed to be doing" before the Boston Marathon bombing as his top intelligence official began a review into whether sensitive information was adequately shared and whether the U.S. government could have disrupted the attack.

"We want to go back and we want to review every step that was taken," Obama told a White House news conference. "We want to leave no stone unturned. We want to see, is there in fact additional protocols and procedures that could be put in place that would further improve and enhance our ability to detect a potential attack."

The 90-day review is also a political pre-emptive strike as Republican lawmakers question whether the administration's law enforcement and intelligence agencies failed to share crucial counterterrorism information—the same error blamed for missing the clues before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Some Republican lawmakers have already suggested forming a select committee to investigate the Boston bombings, just as they are calling for a similar committee to delve further into the militant attacks that killed four Americans last year in Benghazi, Libya.

Shawn Turner, a spokesman for Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, said the review covers only the period before the Boston attack because the investigation of the bombings is still underway. Initiated earlier this week, it's being led by I. Charles McCullough III, the independent intelligence community inspector general. He is authorized to reach into any U.S. intelligence agency.

The effort includes inspectors general from the CIA, the Justice Department and the Homeland Security Department.

In a letter dated Tuesday and signed by the four inspectors, the officials said they had initiated and coordinated an independent review into the government's handling of intelligence leading up to the bombings. They said in the letter, which was released to The Associated Press, that they would carry out the review in a way to make sure they do not interfere with any ongoing intelligence activities, criminal investigations and prosecutions related to the attacks.

Homeland Security Deputy Inspector General Charles K. Edwards said in a statement Tuesday that "it is vital that we determine all the facts ... and thereby provide the entire law enforcement community with lessons learned and valuable insights."

Tests link deadly ricin to Obama letter suspect

TUPELO, Miss. (AP)—Ricin was found in the former martial arts studio of the man suspected of sending poison letters to President Barack Obama and other public officials, and was also discovered on a dust mask and other items he threw in the trash, federal prosecutors said in a court document made public Tuesday.

The affidavit says an FBI surveillance team saw James Everett Dutschke remove several items from the studio in Tupelo, Miss., on April 22 and dump them in a trash bin about 100 yards down the street. The items included a dust mask that later tested positive for ricin, the affidavit said.

Traces of ricin also were found in the studio and Dutschke used the Internet to buy castor beans, from which ricin is derived, the affidavit said.

Annette Dobbs, who owns the small shopping center where the studio was located, said authorities padlocked the door to it sometime after the search.

Inside the studio is one large room with a smaller reception area and a concrete floor. Police tape covered the front door and the small back door.

FBI spokeswoman Deborah Madden said Tuesday that the business, Tupelo Taekwondo Plus, was sealed off after evidence that was collected tested positive for "trace levels of ricin."

"The FBI is now conducting further forensic examination for the purpose of identifying trace evidence, residues and signatures of production that could provide evidence to support the investigation," she said in a news release.

Asia

Bangladeshis turn rescuers after building collapse

SAVAR, Bangladesh (AP)—The heat in the rubble was sweltering. It closed in on his body like the darkness around him, making it hard to breathe. Working by the faint glow of a flashlight, he slithered through the broken concrete and spotted a beautiful young woman, her crushed arm pinned beneath a pillar. She was dying, and the only way to get her out was to amputate.

But Saiful Islam Nasar had no training, and almost no equipment. He's a mechanical engineer who just days earlier rushed hundreds of kilometers (miles) from his hometown in southern Bangladesh when he heard the Rana Plaza factory building had collapsed and hundreds, perhaps thousands, of garment workers were trapped.

He also understood that maimed women can be cast from their homes.

"I asked her, `Sister, are you married?' She said `Yes.' I asked her, `If I cut off your arm, will your husband take you again?' She said, `My husband loves me very much.' And then I started to cut," he said.

He had brought a syringe loaded with painkiller—his father was a village medic, and had taught him how to give injections—and he cut through her arm with a small surgical blade. It was easier than he expected because the arm had already been so badly damaged.

He pointed at fading specks of blood staining his vest and pants. He began to cry.

"There was no alternative," he said.

Bangladesh is well-versed in tragedy, a country where floods, ferry sinkings, fires and cyclones strike with cruel regularity. But with state services riven by dysfunction and corruption, often the only hope is the person beside you.

It is a country that makes heroes out of everyday citizens.

Many of the first responders at Rana Plaza were men like Nasar—neighborhood residents, fellow garment workers, relatives of the missing and charity workers—and they repeatedly took some of the most dangerous work. Using little more than hammers, hacksaws and their bare hands, they crawled into tiny holes in the wreckage, breaking through concrete and steel bars and working around the clock to drag out the victims.

They knew they were risking their lives.

Hemaet Ali, a 50-year-old construction worker who came to volunteer, told the people around him that his identity card, with his home address, was in his shirt pocket.

"If I die inside, please make sure that my body reaches my family," he told them.

Nasar came to Savar with 50 other men from the small volunteer organization he runs, Sunte Ki Pao. Normally, they assist people who have been in traffic accidents, offering basic first aid, securing valuables and contacting relatives. During seasonal floods, they help however they can when the waters rush into town. Nothing had prepared them to work the front line of their country's largest industrial accident.

AP

Workers toil in the collapsed garment factory building on Tuesday 30, April, 2013 in Savar, near Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Court seizes property to help Bangladesh victims

SAVAR, Bangladesh (AP)—A top Bangladesh court on Tuesday ordered the government to "immediately" confiscate the property of a collapsed building's owner, as thousands of protesters demanding the death penalty for the man clashed with police, leaving 100 people injured. A two-judge panel of the High Court also asked the central bank to freeze the assets of the owners of the five garment factories in the building, and use the money to pay the salaries and other benefits of their workers.

The order came after police produced the building owner, Mohammed Sohel Rana, and the factory owners in court. The order did not elaborate but it was implied that the salaries of the dead victims would be paid to their relatives.

At least 386 people were killed and 2,500 people escaped with injuries when the illegally constructed eight-story Rana Plaza collapsed on April 24. According to one estimate, about 1,000 people are missing, indicating that the death toll could end up in the neighborhood of 1,400.

The collapse is the deadliest disaster to hit Bangladesh's garment industry, which is worth $20 billion annually and supplies global retailers.

Rescue efforts have now been suspended and authorities are using heavy machinery to clear the broken and crushed concrete slabs to get to the bottom floor, where emergency workers expect to find many more dead bodies.

On Tuesday, clashes broke out again between thousands of garment workers and police in Savar, leaving at least 100 people injured, the United News of Bangladesh news agency reported

It said police attacked with sticks when the workers, who were demanding the death penalty for Rana and news of the missing people, tried to break the security cordon around the collapsed building. At least 22 of the injured were hospitalized, it said. The protesters also smashed at least 20 vehicles in the area, the agency said.

Pakistan court bans Musharraf from office for life

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—A Pakistani court on Tuesday banned former military ruler Pervez Musharraf from running for public office for the rest of his life, the latest blow since he returned from exile last month to make a political comeback.

The ban came as Pakistan's powerful army chief pledged in a rare speech that the military would do everything in its power to ensure the parliamentary election is held as scheduled on May 11, despite the Taliban's attempt to disrupt the vote by attacking candidates.

Musharraf

One of Musharraf's lawyers, Saad Shibli, said he would go to the Supreme Court to challenge the ruling against his client, claiming the former leader should not be singled out for punishment for his actions while in power since others were involved.

"About 500 officials at different levels and institutions were part of Musharraf's actions, and if those actions come under scrutiny, all those people should be involved in this matter," Shibli said.

Judges had previously barred Musharraf from running in the parliamentary election scheduled for May 11. The Peshawar High Court handed down the lifetime ban Tuesday after hearing an appeal by Musharraf's lawyer to allow him to run in the upcoming election.

Musharraf returned to Pakistan in March after four years in self-imposed exile, but his fortunes have gone from bad to worse since he arrived. He is currently under house arrest in connection with a pair of court cases against him.

One involves his decision to fire senior judges, including the chief justice of the Supreme Court, while in power. The other relates to the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto in 2007. Government prosecutors have accused Musharraf of being involved—allegations he has denied.

Musharraf seized power in a coup in 1999 when he was serving as army chief and ruled for nearly a decade. He stepped down in 2008 because of growing discontent with his rule.

He returned to Pakistan despite Taliban death threats, but was met by only a few thousand people when his plane landed in the southern port city of Karachi. Analysts said the response showed how little public support he enjoyed in the country.

The run-up to next month's parliamentary election has been marred by violence, much of it carried out by the Pakistani Taliban.

Raped 5-year-old girl dies in central India

NEW DELHI (AP)—A 5-year-old girl has died after being raped in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, an official said Tuesday, in the latest in a series of brutal attacks that have sparked outrage in the country.

The girl suffered cardiac arrest and died late Monday at a hospital in Nagpur city in neighboring Maharashtra state where she was being treated for injuries from the April 18 assault, said Bharat Yadav, collector for Seoni district, where the attack occurred.

Two men have been arrested in connection with the attack, he said.

The girl was lured by one of the men to a farm, where she was then raped by the other man, who was a friend of her parents, Yadav said. The parents, poor construction workers, were at work when the attack occurred, he said.

Ravi Manadiar, an administrator at the hospital, said the girl suffered a brain injury when the men tried to smother her cries and was in a coma from April 20 until she died.

In Nagpur, the mother of the girl was inconsolable.

"The court should give them the strictest punishment ever," she sobbed Tuesday.

"These men should be burned alive so that the whole world will see how such criminals ought to be punished," she said, wiping her tears with the corner of her sari.

About 40 supporters of the opposition Congress party held a rally in Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, to protest what they said was a rise in violence against women in the state.

They burned an effigy of the state's top elected official, Chief Minister Shivraj SIngh Chouhan, who belongs to the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Earlier this month, another 5-year-old girl was kidnapped, raped and tortured by two men who then abandoned her in a locked room in New Delhi. She is still recovering at a hospital in the city.

Police refused to register a case when the girl's parents reported that their daughter was missing. Hundreds of people protested outside police headquarters in New Delhi for three days, angry over allegations of police inaction and indifference to the parents' complaints.

Indian media have begun to report sexual assaults more aggressively since the fatal gang rape of a 23-year-old student on a moving bus in New Delhi in December. That attack triggered outrage across India about the treatment of women in the country, and spurred the government to pass tougher laws for crimes against women, including the death penalty for repeat offenders or for rapes that lead to the victim's death.

World

Hezbollah warns of possible Syria intervention

BEIRUT (AP)—The leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group said Tuesday that Syrian rebels will not be able to defeat President Bashar Assad's regime militarily, warning that Syria's "real friends," including his Iranian-backed militant group, were ready to intervene on the government's side.

In Damascus, a powerful bomb ripped through a bustling commercial district, killing at least 14 people and bringing Syria's civil war to the heart of the capital for the second consecutive day.

Hezbollah, a powerful Shiite Muslim group, is known to back Syrian regime fighters in Shiite villages near the Lebanon border against the mostly Sunni rebels fighting to topple Assad. The comments by Sheik Hassan Nasrallah were the strongest indication yet that his group was ready to get far more involved to rescue Assad's embattled regime.

"You will not be able to take Damascus by force and you will not be able to topple the regime militarily. This is a long battle," Nasrallah said, addressing the Syrian opposition.

"Syria has real friends in the region and in the world who will not allow Syria to fall into the hands of America or Israel."

Hezbollah and Iran are close allies of Assad. Rebels have accused them of sending fighters to assist Syrian troops trying to crush the 2-year-old anti-Assad uprising, which the U.N. says has killed more than 70,000 people.

Deeper and more overt Hezbollah involvement in the Syrian conflict is almost certain to threaten stability in Lebanon, which is sharply split along sectarian lines, and between supporters and opponents of Assad. It also risks drawing in Israel and Iran into a wider Middle East war.

Nasrallah said Tuesday there are no Iranian forces in Syria now, except for some experts who he said have been in Syria for decades. But he added: "What do you imagine would happen in the future if things deteriorate in a way that requires the intervention of the forces of resistance in this battle?"

Hezbollah has an arsenal that makes the group the most powerful military force in Lebanon, stronger than the national army. Its growing involvement in the Syrian civil war is already raising tensions inside the divided country and has drawn threats from enraged Syrian rebels and militants.

Nasrallah also said his fighters had a duty to protect the holy Shiite shrine of Sayida Zeinab, named for the granddaughter of Islam's Prophet Muhammad and located south of Damascus.

He said rebels have captured several villages around the shrine and have threatened to destroy it.

"If the shrine is destroyed things will get out of control," Nasrallah said citing the 2006 bombing of the Shiite al-Askari shrine in the Iraqi city of Samarra. That attack was blamed on al-Qaida in Iraq and set off years of retaliatory bloodshed between Sunni and Shiite extremists that left thousands of Iraqis dead and pushed the country to the brink of civil war.

While there has been growing speculation about Hezbollah's role in the conflict next door, the violence inside Syria has raged on, including in the capital, where a bomb on Tuesday struck the Marjeh neighborhood, a busy commercial area near the Old City of Damascus.

The state news agency said 14 people were killed and 103 wounded in the attack.

A day earlier, Syrian Prime Minister Wael al-Halqi narrowly escaped an assassination attempt after a car bomb targeted his convoy as it drove through a posh Damascus neighborhood. The bombings appear to be part of an accelerated campaign by opposition forces to hit Assad's regime in the heavily defended capital.

ElBaradei: Egypt leader will need opposition help

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's leading opposition leader Mohamed ElBaradei said Tuesday he believes the Islamist president will eventually be forced to reach out to the opposition because his group is losing support and isn't able to tackle the country's myriad problems alone.

ElBaradei, speaking to a small group of journalists including The Associated Press at his home on the outskirts of Cairo, said members of the dominant Muslim Brotherhood "live in a delusion" if they think they can manage the country on their own, describing them as a "minority."

He said that if the opposition were to enter elections now, it could win a large chunk of parliament, even a majority.

Egypt has been polarized for months between President Mohammed Morsi and his Islamist supporters on one side and their opponents on the other. A rocky transition has been marred by protests which now regularly turn into deadly clashes, in addition to lawlessness and a mounting economic crisis.

ElBaradei and others in the opposition blame the turmoil on the determination of the Muslim Brotherhood, from which Morsi hails, to monopolize power and push through its agenda. Morsi's supporters have accused the opposition—including the National Salvation Front in which ElBaradei is a leading figure—of trying to cause instability to undermine the elected government and prevent Islamist rule.

ElBaradei dismissed comments by critics of the NSF, which groups liberals, leftists and some parties considered carryovers from the deposed regime of President Hosni Mubarak, as fearful of competing with the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamists in elections. So far, in the string of elections since the ouster of Mubarak in 2011, Islamists have come out on top, but their margins of victory have narrowed over time.

The National Salvation Front had said it would boycott parliamentary elections that were supposed to start in April, accusing the Islamists of gerrymandering election districts to their advantage. But the election was put off indefinitely by a legal challenge over the law governing the vote.

"It is bogus to say that we don't want to (compete), that we are spoilers ... We do want to go into elections," he said. "My feeling that right now if we go into elections, there is a good chance that we will get, if not a majority, a good chunk of the parliament, simply, not because our ingenuity, but because the Brotherhood messed up so badly, that again people will say, in my view, `anybody but the Brotherhood' because they haven't delivered."

ElBaradei said the opposition is still considering whether to compete in the elections. The opposition has said it will decide whether to participate after the law is redrawn, and it called on Morsi to choose an independent prime minister and government to oversee the voting, and allow for a new attorney general to be chosen by the judiciary to replace the current one, a presidential appointee. A court has nullified the attorney general's appointment, but he remains in his post.

Arab League sweetens Israel-Palestinian peace plan

JERUSALEM (AP)—The Arab League's decision to sweeten its decade-old proposal offering comprehensive peace with Israel has placed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a bind and swiftly exposed fissures in his new government.

Netanyahu's chief peace negotiator on Tuesday welcomed the modified Arab proposal, while the prime minister remained silent, reflecting the internal divisions that lie ahead as the U.S. tries to restart long-frozen peace talks with the Palestinians.

"This is a positive announcement," negotiator Tzipi Livni told Channel 10 TV, adding it gave "tail wind" to peace efforts. "At the end you need a direct negotiation between the Israelis and the Palestinians."

The original 2002 Arab peace initiative offered Israel peace with the entire Arab and Muslim world in exchange for a "complete withdrawal" from territories captured in the 1967 Mideast war. The Palestinians claim the West Bank, east Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, all seized by Israel in 1967, for their future state.

The initiative was revolutionary when it was introduced by Saudi Arabia's then crown prince, King Abdullah, and endorsed by the 22-member Arab League. The 57-member Organization of Islamic Cooperation later endorsed the plan as well. However, it was overshadowed by fierce Israeli-Palestinian fighting at the time and greeted with skepticism by Israel.

In Washington Monday, Qatari Prime Minister Sheik Hamad Bin Jassem Al Thani tried to allay some of the Israeli concerns. Speaking on behalf of an Arab League delegation, he reiterated the need to base an agreement between Israel and a future Palestine on the 1967 lines, but for the first time, he cited the possibility of "comparable," mutually agreed and "minor" land swaps between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

Sheik Hamad spoke after talks with Vice President Joe Biden and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who has been pushing Arab leaders to embrace a modified version of the Arab peace plan as part of a new U.S.-led effort to corral Israel and the Palestinians back into direct peace talks. The changes are meant to win Israeli support by allowing it to keep parts of the West Bank and east Jerusalem as part of an agreement.

In Washington, Kerry called the changed language a "very big step forward."

"This is literally a statement by the Arab world that they're prepared to make peace, providing the Palestinians and Israelis reach a final status agreement," he told reporters Tuesday at the State Department after meeting Spain's foreign minister.

"I don't underestimate the significance of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Arab Emirates, the Egyptians, the Jordanians and others coming to the table and saying, `We are prepared to make peace now in 2013,'" he said. Still, he said much more was left to do.

Russia had elder Boston suspect under surveillance

MAKHACHKALA, Russia (AP)—Russian agents placed the elder Boston bombing suspect under surveillance during a six-month visit to southern Russia last year, then scrambled to find him when he suddenly disappeared after police killed a Canadian jihadist, a security official told The Associated Press.

U.S. law enforcement officials have been trying to determine whether Tamerlan Tsarnaev was indoctrinated or trained by militants during his visit to Dagestan, a Caspian Sea province that has become the center of a simmering Islamic insurgency.

The security official with the Anti-Extremism Center, a federal agency under Russia's Interior Ministry, confirmed the Russians shared their concerns. He told the AP that Russian agents were watching Tsarnaev, and that they searched for him when he disappeared two days after the July 2012 death of the Canadian man, who had joined the Islamic insurgency in the region. The official spoke only on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the news media.

Security officials suspected ties between Tsarnaev and the Canadian—an ethnic Russian named William Plotnikov—according to the Novaya Gazeta newspaper, which is known for its independence and investigative reporting and cited an unnamed official with the Anti-Extremism Center, which tracks militants. The newspaper said the men had social networking ties that brought Tsarnaev to the attention of Russian security services for the first time in late 2010.

It certainly wouldn't be surprising if the men had met. Both were amateur boxers of roughly the same age whose families had moved from Russia to North America when they were teenagers. In recent years, both had turned to Islam and expressed radical beliefs. And both had traveled to Dagestan, a republic of some 3 million people.

The AP could not independently confirm whether the two men had communicated on social networks or crossed paths either in Dagestan or in Toronto, where Plotnikov had lived with his parents and where Tsarnaev had an aunt.

After Plotnikov was killed, Tsarnaev left suddenly for the U.S., not waiting to pick up his new Russian passport—ostensibly one of his main reasons for coming to Russia. The official said his sudden departure was considered suspicious.

Plotnikov's father told the Canadian network CBCNews on Monday that his son had broken off contact when he returned to Russia in 2010 and he had no way of knowing whether his son knew Tsarnaev.

In an August interview with the Canadian newspaper National Post, Vitaly Plotnikov said his son, who was 23 when he died, had converted to Islam in 2009 and quickly became radicalized. But he said he fully understood what his son was up to in Russia only when he received photographs and videos after his death.

Focus

Shoppers face hurdles in finding ethical clothing

NEW YORK (AP)—You can recycle your waste, grow your own food and drive a fuel-efficient car. But being socially responsible isn't so easy when it comes to the clothes on your back.

Take Jason and Alexandra Lawrence of Lyons, Colo. The couple eat locally grown food that doesn't have to be transported from far-flung states. They fill up their diesel-powered Volkswagen and Dodge pickup with vegetable-based oil. They even bring silverware to a nearby coffeehouse to avoid using the shop's plastic utensils.

But when it comes to making sure that their clothes are made in factories that are safe for workers, the couple fall short.

"Clothing is one of our more challenging practices," says Jason Lawrence, 35, who mostly buys second-hand. "I don't want to travel around the world to see where my pants come from."

Last week's building collapse in Bangladesh that killed hundreds of clothing factory workers put a spotlight on the sobering fact that people in poor countries often risk their lives working in unsafe factories to make the cheap T-shirts and underwear that Westerners covet.

The disaster, which comes after a fire in another Bangladesh factory killed 112 people last November, also highlights something just as troubling for socially conscious shoppers: It's nearly impossible to make sure the clothes you buy come from factories with safe working conditions.

Very few companies sell clothing that's so-called "ethically made," or marketed as being made in factories that maintain safe working conditions. In fact, ethically made clothes make up a tiny fraction of 1 percent of the overall $1 trillion global fashion industry. And with a few exceptions, such as the 250-store clothing chain American Apparel Inc., most aren't national brands

It's even more difficult to figure out if your clothes are made in safe factories if you're buying from retailers that don't specifically market their clothes as ethically made. That's because major chains typically use a complex web of suppliers in countries such as Bangladesh, which often contract business to other factories. That means the retailers themselves don't always know the origin of clothes when they're made overseas. And even a "Made in USA" label only provides a small amount of assurance for a socially conscious shopper. For instance, maybe the tailors who assembled the skirt may have had good working conditions. But the fabric might have been woven overseas by people who do not work in a safe environment.

"For the consumer, it's virtually impossible to know whether the product was manufactured in safe conditions," says Craig Johnson, president of Customer Growth Partners, a retail consultancy. "For U.S.-made labels, you have good assurance, but the farther you get away from the U.S., the less confidence you have."

To be sure, most global retailers have standards for workplace safety in the factories that make their clothes. And the companies typically require that contractors and subcontractors follow these guidelines. But policing factories around the world is a costly, time-consuming process that's difficult to manage.

In fact, there were five factories alone in the building that collapsed in Bangladesh last week. They produced clothing for big name retailers including British retailer Primark, Children's Place and Canadian company Loblaw Inc., which markets the Joe Fresh clothing line.

"I have seen factories in (Bangladesh and other countries), and I know how difficult it is to monitor the factories to see they are safe," says Walter Loeb, a New York-based retail consultant.

And some experts say that retailers have little incentive to be more proactive and do more because the public isn't pushing them to do so.

America's Research Group, which interviews 10,000 to 15,000 consumers a week mostly on behalf of retailers, says that even in the aftermath of two deadly tragedies in Bangladesh, shoppers seem more concerned with fit and price than whether their clothes were made in factories where workers are safe and make reasonable wages.

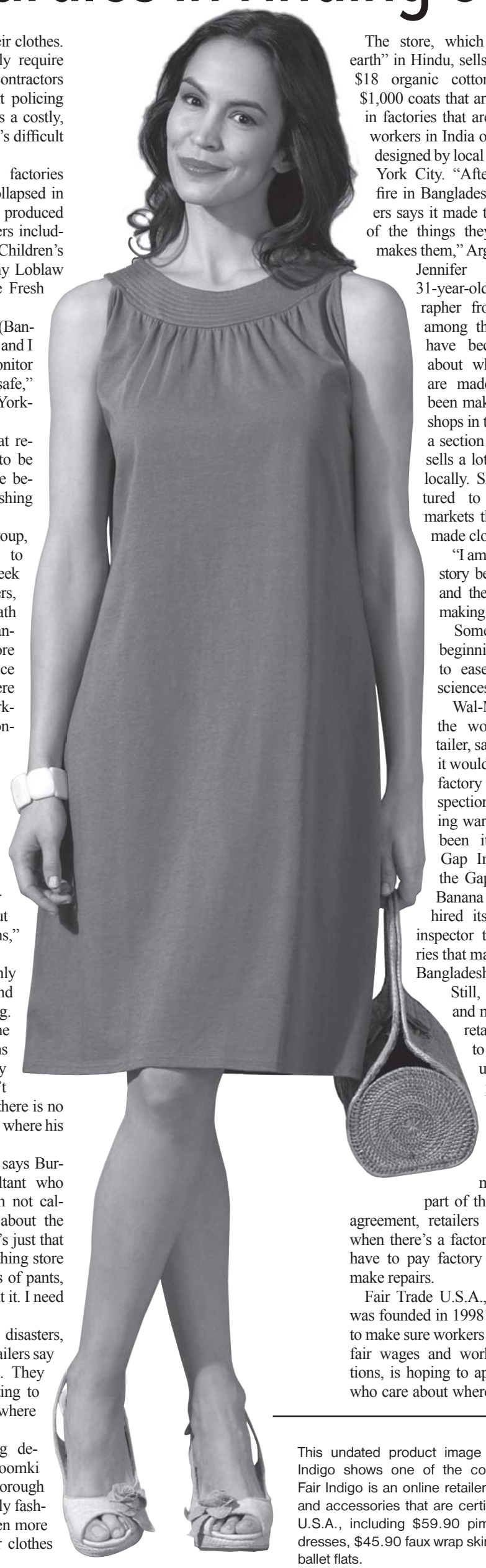
C. Britt Beemer, chairman of the firm, says when he polls shoppers about their biggest concerns, they rarely mention "where something is made" or "abuses" in the factories in other countries. "We have seen no consumer reaction to any charges about harmful working conditions," he says.

Tom Burson, 49, certainly is focused more on price and quality when he's shopping. Burson says that if someone told him that a brand of jeans is made in "sweatshops by 8-year-olds," he wouldn't buy it. But he says, overall, there is no practical way for him to trace where his pants were made.

"I am looking for value," says Burson, a management consultant who lives in Ashburn, Va. "I am not callous and not unconcerned about the conditions of the workers. It's just that when I am standing in a clothing store and am comparing two pairs of pants, there's nothing I can do about it. I need the pants."

In light of the recent disasters, though, some experts and retailers say things are slowly changing. They say more shoppers are starting to pay attention to labels and where their clothes are made.

Swati Argade, a clothing designer who promotes her Bhoomki boutique in the Brooklyn borough of New York City as "ethically fashioned," says people have been more conscious about where their clothes come from



The store, which means "of the earth" in Hindu, sells everything from $18 organic cotton underwear to $1,000 coats that are primarily made in factories that are owned by their workers in India or Peru or that are designed by local designers in New York City. "After the November fire in Bangladesh, many customers says it made them more aware of the things they buy, and who makes them," Argade says.

Jennifer Galatioto, a 31-year-old fashion photographer from Brooklyn, is among the shoppers who have become thoughtful about where her clothes are made. Galatioto has been making trips to local shops in the Williamsburg, a section of Brooklyn that sells a lot of clothes made locally. She has also ventured to local shopping markets that feature handmade clothing.

"I am trying to learn the story behind the clothing and the people who are making it," she says.

Some retailers are beginning to do more to ease shoppers' consciences.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, said in January that it would cut ties with any factory that failed an inspection, instead of giving warnings first as had been its practice. The Gap Inc., which owns the Gap, Old Navy and Banana Republic chains, hired its own chief fire inspector to oversee factories that make its clothing in Bangladesh.

Still, Wal-Mart, Gap and many other global retailers continue to back off from a union-sponsored proposal to improve safety throughout Bangladesh's $20 billion garment industry. As part of the legally binding agreement, retailers would be liable when there's a factory fire and would have to pay factory owners more to make repairs.

Fair Trade U.S.A., a nonprofit that was founded in 1998 to audit products to make sure workers overseas are paid fair wages and work in safe conditions, is hoping to appeal to shoppers who care about where their clothing is made. In 2010, it expanded the list of products that it certifies beyond coffee, sugar and spices to include clothing.

The organization, known for its black, green and white label with an image of a person holding a bowl in front of a globe, says it's working with small businesses like PrAna, which sells yoga pants and other sportswear items to merchants like REI and Zappos. It also says it's in discussions with other big-name brands that it declined to name.

To use the Fair Trade label on their products, companies have to follow certain safety and wage standards that are based on established industry auditing groups, including the International Labor Organization. They include such things as paying workers based on a formula that allows them to meet basic cost-of-living needs.

Local nongovernment groups train the retailers' workers on their rights. And workers are provided a grievance process to report problems directly to the Fair Trade organization.

Still, well under 1 percent of clothing sold in the U.S. is stamped with a Fair Trade label. And shoppers will find that Fair Trade certified clothing is typically about 5 percent more expensive than similar items that don't have the label.

Fair Indigo is an online retailer that sells clothes and accessories that are certified by Fair Trade U.S.A., including $59.90 pima organic cotton dresses, $45.90 faux wrap skirts and $100 floral ballet flats.

Rob Behnke, Fair Indigo's co-founder and president, says some shoppers are calling in and citing the latest fatalities in Bangladesh. The retailer, which generates annual sales of just under $10 million, had a 35 percent rise in revenue (compared with last year) following the disaster. That was in line with the 38 percent revenue surge it had during the November-December season, following the factory fire.

Behnke says that the company's catalog and website that features some of the garment workers in countries including Peru are resonating with shoppers.

"We are connecting consumers with the garment workers on a personal level," he says. "We are showing that the garment workers are just like you and me."

While some retailers are working to improve safety overseas, others are making a "Made in USA" pitch.

Los Angeles-based American Apparel, which says it knits, dyes, cuts and sews all of its products in-house in California, touts on its website that the working conditions are "sweatshop free." The company highlights how it pays decent wages, offers subsidized lunches, free onsite massages and an onsite medical clinic.

American Apparel officials didn't return phone calls for this article, but in an interview in November with The Associated Press, the company's founder and CEO, Dov Charney, said that companies can control working conditions but they need to bring the production to the U.S.

"When the company knows the face of its worker, that's important," Charney said.

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This undated product image provided by Fair Indigo shows one of the company's product. Fair Indigo is an online retailer that sells clothes and accessories that are certified by Fair Trade U.S.A., including $59.90 pima organic cotton dresses, $45.90 faux wrap skirts and $100 floral ballet flats.

Environment

SPC marks milestone in protecting Pacific tuna stocks

Today, May 2, 2013, provides an opportunity to recall that since 1977 the Secretariat of the Pacific Community has been providing scientific advice to help manage Pacific tuna stocks. Tuna is a vital natural resource for Pacific island countries and territories, or PICTs. SPC provides technical support to its member countries so that they can make the right decisions to ensure a sustainable supply of bigeye, yellow-fin, albacore and skipjack tuna—both for households in the Pacific and consumers around the world.

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Bigeye tuna in New Caledonia waters.

Why manage tuna resources?

Given the steady rise in the world population and increasingly effective fishing techniques, tuna stocks are under growing pressure. Given that they are also a major source of income for most PICTs, it is important that those countries secure optimum benefits from the resource by increasing both catch value and the percentage of the total catch that comes from domestic fleets. This strategy relies on having a healthy resource, with management informed by good science.

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Bigeye tuna in Tuvalu.

A well-designed work process

SPC collects and analyzes a huge volume of fisheries data collected in the western and central Pacific Ocean. Hundreds of thousands of sheets of data from fishing vessels, observers, and port samplers are entered and checked each year.

SPC scientists use that information to carry out extensive analysis in order to have an accurate and independent perspective on the region's oceanic fisheries. They are then able to respond to hundreds of requests for information from member countries concerning tuna biology (growth rates, reproduction, feeding habits), annual catches in volume and value, state of the stocks, or the impact climate change has on the different species.

Partners and international recognition

Such information is vital for improving regional tuna fisheries management and development. Management measures to ensure the viability of tuna species stocks are mainly taken at the level of the Forum Fisheries Agency, the Parties to the Nauru Agreement, and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission—which brings together both Pacific island countries and the big fish catching nations such as Japan, Korea, the European Union, China and the United States.

SPC closely collaborates with such regional policy-making bodies by providing them with high-quality scientific advice. This relies on the support of a wide range of donor partners such as the European Union; the governments of Australia, Papua New Guinea Korea, France, Japan, and New Zealand; the World Bank; and charitable trusts including the Heinz and Pew Foundations. ***(SPC)***

In Celebration of Her New Life

†Andrea Villagomez Cabrera Duenas

February 25, 1958 – April 29, 2013

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:

Father: †Victorino C. Cabrera
Father-in-law: †Jose P. Duenas
Brother, Son, Grandchildren & In-laws:
†Joseph V. Cabrera
†Anthony Cabrera Duenas, Jr.
†Antonette D. Ada
†Isidro George D. Ada
†Albert A. Duenas

Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts Of Her:

Husband: **Anthony Indalecio Duenas**
Mother: Merced V. Cabrera
Mother-in-law: Rufina I. Duenas
Children & Family: **Haviva Victorina D. & Raymond S. Saures** (Joseph Victorino D. Ada/Stephanie Limes [Johani L. Ada]) (Geovie Ann Marie D. Ada) (Kenneth Cole Cabrera) (George Anthony D. Ada)
Patrick Joseph & Ruby Jane T. Duenas (Patrick T. Duenas Jr.) (Kiesha Ann T. Duenas)
Christiana Akie Cabrera Duenas (Ginnie A. Demapan) (Kiana Keoni Duenas Demapan)
Raymond Ignacio Cabrera Duenas/Virginia Atalig Omar (Dray Anton O. Duenas)
Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:
Rosalia C. Duenas & Family
Francisco V. & Linda Cabrera and Family
Ignacio V. and Anicia A. Cabrera & Family
Margaritta V. Cabrera & Family
Leonardo V. Cabrera/Jovie Quitugua & Family
†Joseph V. Cabrera & Family
Vicente V. & Medina Cabrera & Family
Matilde C. and Pete Igitol & Family
Ramon V. and Elsie P. Cabrera & Family
Joseph I. Duenas/Juanita Fejeran & Family
Pedro I. and Rowena B. Duenas and Family
Teresita I. Duenas & Family
Jesusa P. and Roger Hernandez & Family
Vicente I. Duenas & Family
Rita D. and Noel Verder & Family
Manuel I. and Molly Ann M. Duenas & Family
Rufina and Riolante Mostales & Family
Thomas I. & Thelma K. Duenas & Family
Trini D. and Peter Babauta & Family
Bernita D. and Ted Cruz & Family
Extended Family: Joseph and Arlene Cruz & Family

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated each morning at 06:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church. Holy Rosary is being prayed nightly at 07:00 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, May 07, 2013. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 07:30 a.m. Responso services will be at 08:00 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary at 08:15 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

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Anthony Indalecio Duenas
Merced V. Cabrera
Rufina I. Duenas
Children and Families

First Friday Films presents a new film about nutrition, environment

First Friday Films would like to invite the public to a showing of *PLANEAT* this Friday, May 3, at 6:30pm at American Memorial Park's theater.

PLANEAT is the story of three men's life-long search for a diet that is good for our health, good for the environment, and good for the future of the planet. With an additional cast of pioneering chefs and some of the best cooking you have ever seen, the scientists and doctors in the film present a convincing case for the West to re-examine its love affair with meat and dairy. The film features the groundbreaking work of Dr. T Colin Campbell in China exploring the link between diet and disease, Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn's use of diet to treat heart disease patients, and professor Gidon Eshel's investigations into how our food choices contribute to global warming, land use and oceanic dead zones. With the help of some innovative farmers and chefs, PLANEAT shows how the problems we face today can be solved without simply resorting to a diet of lentils and lettuce leaves.

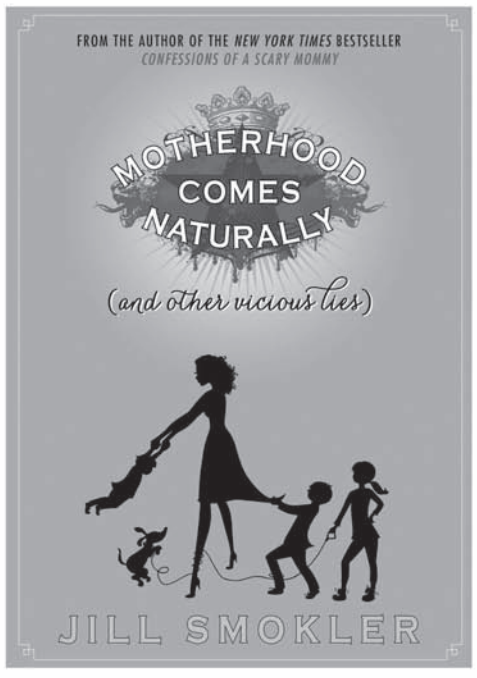
Before the film, Kate Campbell, a dietitian on Saipan, will talk about building our own healthy diets. You can check out her blog at www.VeggieKate.com

First Friday Films is a partnership between American Memorial Park, the Division of Environmental Quality, Coastal Resources Management and the Humanities Council with support from other organizations. This particular film is sponsored by DEQ. As always, our film events are free and open to the public. This event will run about 70 minutes.

For more information about First Friday Films, email fffsaipan@gmail.com or check out www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com. ***(PR)***

Life & Style

Dark but funny turns in new derelict mom books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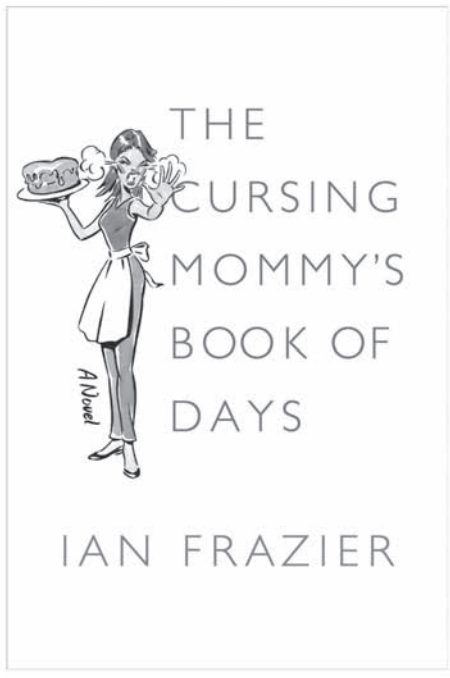

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MOMS WHO DRINK AND SWEAR
TRUE TALES OF LOVING MY KIDS WHILE LOSING MY MIND
NICOLE KNEPPER

NEW YORK (AP)—These moms curse a lot, drink to excess, reveal scary truths and draw twisted little stick figures of their kids pooping and whining relentlessly. And this Mother's Day, they're bringing their derelict parenting to you.

The authors behind a fresh round of parenting books love their munchkins, to be sure, but there's something about the scorched earth narrative that sells memoirish parenting books these days.

Is the goal an instructional one? Inspirational? How about some advice?

"No, there isn't any. I don't have anything. No advice. Nobody has any advice," laughed Amber Dusick, a Los Angeles mother of two who brings us "Parenting: Illustrated with Crappy Pictures."

The book's 50 "crappy laws of parenting" include this at No. 16: "When you sneak to the pantry to eat chocolate, you will get caught."

The f-bombs fly, the flavored vodka flows and husbands pay dearly, but what's the point of dwelling on the smeared, sleep-deprived underbelly of life with kids? Even if it is just for a laugh.

"We've opened up the dialogue," offered Nicole Knepper, who has two kids and wrote "Moms who Drink and Swear," complete with a chapter titled, "Suck it, Santa Claus."

"People have really found ways to be more authentic about who they are and how it affects us as parents. My mom's generation, they did a lot of pushing down their own interests and their own personalities because they were all about the kids, and this was their job and their focus, whereas my generation (she's 43 and lives in Plainfield, Ill.), the expectations are different. You multitask. You do it all, only nobody can do it all well."

Jill Smokler's Scary Mommy certainly can't. "Motherhood Comes Naturally (and other vicious lies)" is her second spin off her popular blog and parenting community at Scarymommy.com. The first was "Confessions of a Scary Mommy."

The 35-year-old mom of three, including boys just 20 months apart, has noticed a difference in exactly how much filth and frustration parents are willing to reveal in the five long years since she first put up her blog.

"There wasn't this acceptance about being this sort of less-than-perfect mother, but all of a sudden it feels like that is becoming the norm rather than the exception," said Smokler, in Baltimore, Md. "There came a tipping point where everybody just couldn't keep up that facade anymore and there was just a backlash, and here we are."

On the dad side, Ian Frazier's popular cursing mommy character from his columns in The New Yorker now has her own novel called "The Cursing Mommy's Book of Days," a diary of dereliction spread over a year of boozing, bad parenting and expletive-infused mockery of a capacitor-hoarding husband named Larry.

There's this entry for Wednesday, April 13: "Yes, lying in a steaming tub with a bottle of Kahlua and ignoring the children's knocks on the bathroom door all afternoon is not the most mature coping strategy. So stipulated, your honor!"

And there's Adrian Kulp, the man-child who lost his job and turned his stay-at-home dad blog into a book, "Dad or Alive," writing of his daughter after his wife went back to work: "All I had to do was move our four-month-old from one station to the next so she didn't get bedsores. ... The idea of going outside seemed monumental."

An engineering-minded dude pair, Andy Herald and Charlie Capen, have provided an illustrated primer on co-sleeping, "The Guide to Baby Sleep Positions," complete with names for each diabolic configuration: The Stalker, the Yin and Yang and The Exorcist among them.

Dusick, whose boys are 6 and 3, began blogging nearly two years ago. Her childlike drawings lend a creepy air to life with the Crappy family, including that fateful day when they all get sick. Tempers and temperatures flare, and bodily fluids fly all night, brought alive by her hollow-eyed illustrations.

"It's a healthy balance of being able to laugh at things and yet still reassure ourselves that this is normal and we still love our kids, and parenting is really hard," she said.

Knepper's kids are 13 and nearly 9. She considers it far healthier to share the grief than do what her mother's generation likely did: "Hide their Valium and their vodka in the linen closet, where nobody could find it."

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

†Dace Falemuimui Teregeyo

November 16, 1962 – April 26, 2013

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:
Parents: *†Tulisa Sesepasara & †Fuamatala Seiuli Sesepasara*
Parents In-Law: *†Jose Peter Teregeyo & †Florencia Tilipao Teregeyo*
Brothers & In-Law: *†Tulisa Jr. Sesepasara, †Ta'aloga Lauofo & †Jesus Teregeyo*

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:
Husband: Martin Tilipao Teregeyo
Children & Family: ***Marvic Rogopes***, ***Carrington Benjamin*** *Teregeyo/Avalynne Cabrera (Carrington Marben Rye, Benjamin Varrion, Michael Fa'apaia),* ***Joelisa Florencia*** *Teregeyo/Rambo Cantero (Dace Jasmen),* ***Roxie*** *Tuleva Teregeyo/Lionel Tudela,* ***RosaDee*** *Teregeyo/Leroy Rangamar (Bwilitowpi Agelu),* ***Damart*** *Teregeyo &* ***Mardee*** *Teregeyo*
Brothers, Sisters & In-Laws: ***Kerina*** *Hendrix,* ***Fa'afetai*** *Seiuli,* ***Sofeni*** *Seiuli,* ***Lisa Luana*** *Sesepasara,* ***Lisa*** *Sesepasara Willington,* ***Michael*** *Sesepasara,* ***Benjamin*** *Sesepasara,* ***Cindy*** *Sesepasara,* ***Anabelle*** *Sesepasara,* ***Elizabeth*** *Kotrys,* ***Fuamatala*** *Berki, Vicente Teregeyo, Carmen Teregeyo, Climaco Laniyo, Jennie Sarker & Tito Laniyo*
Sisters at Heart: *Cecilia Kileleman, Bernie Tegita & Angie Teregeyo*
Daughters/Son at Heart: *Barbara and Gus Romolor (Itchakomi Romolor) & Denise Demapan*

She is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated each morning at 06:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church. Holy Rosary is being prayed nightly at their residence in Garapan adjacent to Marianas Variety at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, May 04, 2013. Her remains will be escorted from CHC Chapel to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 08:00 a.m.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS

Martin Tilipao Teregeyo
Children and Families

Responso Services:	**08:30 a.m**
Holy Rosary:	**11:30 a.m.**
Mass of Christian Burial:	**03:00 p.m.**
Interment Service:	**04:00 p.m.**

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Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05	
Monday through Thursday		4:05	7:05	

Cast: Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson, Ed Harris
Genre: Action • Rated R

Oblivion

Friday		4:20	7:20	9:50
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:50
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Monday through Thursday		4:20	7:20	

Cast: Tom Cruise, Olga Kurylenko, Morgan Freeman
Genre: Science Fiction • Rated PG 13

Scary Movie 5

Friday		4:10	7:10	9:45
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:45
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Monday through Thursday		4:10	7:10	

Cast: Charlie Sheen, Lindsay Lohan, Ashley Tisdale
Genre: Comedy • Rated PG 13

The Call

Friday			7:30
Saturday	1:30		7:30
Sunday	1:30		7:30
Monday through Thursday			7:30

Cast: Halle Berry, Evie Thompson, Abigail Breslin
Genre: Comedy • Rated R

Jurassic Park 3D

Friday		4:00	7:00	10:00
Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00	10:00
Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00	
Monday through Thursday		4:00	7:00	

Cast: Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum
Genre: Science Fiction • Rated PG 13

G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D

Friday		7:25	9:40
Saturday	1:25	7:25	9:40
Sunday	1:25	7:25	
Monday through Thursday		7:25	

Cast: Dwayne Johnson, Bruce Willis, Channing Tatum
Genre: Action • Rated PG 13

G.I. Joe: Retaliation 2D

Friday through Thursday 4:25

The Croods 3D

Friday		7:15	
Saturday	1:15	7:15	
Sunday	1:15	7:15	
Monday through Thursday		7:15	

Cast: Emma Stone, Nicolas Cage, Ryan Reynolds
Genre: Children's/Family • Rated PG

The Croods 2D

Friday & Saturday		4:15	9:30
Sunday through Thursday		4:15	

Olympus Has Fallen

Friday		4:30	9:35
Saturday		4:30	9:35
Sunday		4:30	
Monday through Thursday		4:30	

Cast: Gerard Butler, Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart
Genre: Action • Rated R

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Willem-Alexander becomes new Dutch king

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Dutch King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima appear on the balcony of the Royal Palace with their children, from left: Catharina-Amalia, Ariane, and Alexia in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Tuesday April 30, 2013.

AMSTERDAM (AP)—Millions of Dutch people dressed in orange flocked to celebrations around the Netherlands Tuesday in honor of a once-in-a-generation milestone for the country's ruling House of Orange-Nassau: after a 33-year reign, Queen Beatrix abdicated in favor of her eldest son, Willem-Alexander.

At 46, King Willem-Alexander is the youngest monarch in Europe and the first Dutch king in 123 years, since Willem III died in 1890. Like Beatrix before him, Willem-Alexander has assumed the throne at a time of social strains and economic malaise.

Although the Dutch monarchy is largely ceremonial, he immediately staked out a course to preserve its relevance in the 21st century.

"I want to establish ties, make connections and exemplify what unites us, the Dutch people," the freshly minted king said at a nationally televised investiture ceremony in Amsterdam's 600-year-old New Church, held before the combined houses of Dutch parliament.

"As king, I can strengthen the bond of mutual trust between the people and their government, maintain our democracy and serve the public interest."

Hopes for the new monarch are high.

For most of the 2000s, the country was locked in an intense national debate over the perceived failure of Muslim immigrants, mostly from North Africa, to integrate. In response, politicians curtailed many of the famed Dutch tolerance policies.

More recently, this trading nation of 17 million has suffered back-to-back recessions. European Union figures released Tuesday showed Dutch unemployment spiking upward toward 6.4 percent. That's below the EU average, but a 20-year high in the Netherlands.

"I am taking the job at a time when many in the kingdom feel vulnerable and uncertain," Willem-Alexander said. "Vulnerable in their work or health. Uncertain about their income or home environment."

Amsterdam resident Inge Bosman, 38, said she doubted Willem-Alexander's investiture would give the country much of an employment boost.

"Well, at least one person got a new job," she said.

Tellingly, one of Willem-Alexander's first diplomatic missions as king will be to visit the country's largest trading partner, Germany.

While many are skeptical that the new king can make a difference where politicians have failed, the celebrations provided a welcome change from the humdrum of everyday life, and the popularity of the royal house itself is not in doubt. A poll commissioned by national broadcaster NOS and published this week showed that 78 percent support the monarchy.

The royal couple has also been active in the global campaign to fight poverty.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon congratulated Willem-Alexander and praised the royal couple for supporting the promotion of clean water, sanitation and development. The new king has chaired the secretary-general's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation.

Ban also paid tribute to Beatrix for her "outstanding public service" and "for the important and positive force the Netherlands has been throughout her reign, in promoting international law, the rule of law and peaceful settlement of disputes."

Most say that the House of Orange-Nassau, which was instrumental in the Dutch war for independence in the 16th and 17th centuries, is a cornerstone of the national identity. It represents something that is both quintessentially Dutch, and above politics.

"I think (Willem-Alexander) is just like his mum—honest, wants to do a lot for his people inside the country and also outside the country," said Ron Pols, who was attending celebrations in Amsterdam.

Willem Alexander's popularity has been steadily rising since his 2002 marriage to an Argentine commoner, Maxima Zorreguieta.

In an interview shortly before his accession, Willem-Alexander turned in a relaxed performance, saying he will not be a "protocol fetishist," but a king who puts his people at ease.

Tony Award nods largely skip stars for veterans

NEW YORK (AP)—The Tony Awards committee largely favored tried-and-true stage veterans over flashy visitors Tuesday when announcing this year's Tony nominations, with Hollywood stars such as Bette Midler, Jessica Chastain, Al Pacino, Katie Holmes and Scarlett Johansson never hearing their names called.

With the exception of Broadway debutant Tom Hanks, the acting categories were mostly filled by established theater creatures such as Laurie Metcalf, Amy Morton, Laura Osnes, Nathan Lane, Tracy Letts, David Hyde Pierce and Kristine Nielsen.

Hanks, who earned a best actor nod playing gutsy New York City newspaper columnist Mike McAlary in the late Nora Ephron's "Lucky Guy," joked that he was out of his league and that to win he'd have to beat Lane and Pierce.

"Olivier and Gielgud!" Hanks exclaimed. "It's such a thrill and a delight to be included with these guys." He added: "This makes me both giddy and nervous, and it could not be more special."

The awards will be broadcast on CBS from Radio City Music Hall on June 9. The snubs of big-name actors may mean a less starry telecast.

Stage veterans littered the play and musical categories, including the tight race to be crowned best musical. The leading contenders—"Kinky Boots" and "Matilda: The Musical"—are both stories that celebrate the little guy.

"Kinky Boots" is based on the 2005 British movie about a real-life shoe factory that struggles until it finds new life making fetish footwear. Cyndi Lauper's songs and a story by Harvey Fierstein—both nominated—have made it a crowd-pleaser.

"When we were writing this, I kept thinking `I don't know if this show is going to be any good, but at the very least I think I've discovered a new Broadway composer,'" Fierstein said of Lauper, who was writing songs for the stage for the first time. "I could hear it. My feeling is Cyndi's going to be around for a while."

The show earned a leading 13 nominations, including sets by David Rockwell, directing and choreography by Jerry Mitchell, and nominations for its two leading men, Billy Porter and Stark Sands. Annaleigh Ashford earned a featured role nomination. Close behind with 12 nominations is "Matilda: The Musical," the witty, dark musical adaptation of the novel by Roald Dahl that is still running in London.

"Matilda" earned nominations for Peter Darling's choreography, Matthew Warchus' directing, Chris Nightingale's orchestrations, Dennis Kelly's book, Tim Minchin's lyrics and songs, and Bertie Carvel for best leading role in a musical.

Carvel, who also played the evil headmistress Miss Trunchbull in London, said he is enjoying his time in New York, although he did admit to being nervous about how Americans would react. "I feel like I've landed on happy shores," he said. "The show is in great shape. People are loving it."

"Matilda" was one nomination shy of "Kinky Boots" and could have caught up if the four girls who rotate as the lead—Sophia Gennusa, Oona Laurence, Bailey Ryon and Milly Shapiro—landed a best actress nod. But they were deemed ineligible.

Both "Kinky Boots" and "Matilda" will duke it out for the best musical prize with the acrobatic "Bring It On: The Musical" and "A Christmas Story, The Musical," adapted from the beloved holiday movie.

Jackson's private life on display in US trial

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jurors in the civil case between Michael Jackson's mother and concert giant AEG Live got another glimpse of the singer's private life on Tuesday through the eyes of a paramedic who described the singer's bedroom and the frantic efforts to revive the King of Pop on the day he died.

Many other private moments from the singer's life will be exposed as the case progresses over the next several months, with witnesses expected to testify about secret medical treatments, lavish spending and tender moments spent with his mother and children.

In the nearly four years since his death, nearly every aspect of Jackson's life has been explored in court proceedings, documentaries, books and news stories.

AP

This Feb. 1, 1993 file photo shows Pop superstar Michael Jackson performing during the halftime show at the Super Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

Still, the negligence case filed by his mother against AEG promises to deliver the most detailed account of the singer's addiction struggles, including testimony from his ex-wife Debbie Rowe about treatments involving the anesthetic propofol dating back to the 1990s.

Jackson died from a propofol overdose in 2009 while preparing for a series of comeback concerts at AEG's O2 Arena in London.

Katherine Jackson contends AEG didn't properly investigate the doctor who later administered the fatal dose. The company denies wrongdoing.

During opening statements, attorneys framed Jackson's prescription drug addiction through the prism of his superstar status.

Attorney Brian Panish, who represents Katherine Jackson, said the drug problems worsened when the pop star was under the stress of live performances.

AEG attorney Marvin S. Putnam countered that Jackson's stardom provided a cover to receive multiple, secret medical treatments, many involving propofol.

At one point in the proceedings, the harsh portrayal of Jackson's struggle with addiction led one juror to lean forward and stare at the floor for several moments.

Katherine Jackson and two of the superstar's children, Prince and Paris, are potential witnesses whose testimony would likely focus heavily on their grieving and losses.

Panish played a song Jackson wrote for his children as a montage of photos played during opening statements. He also read a handwritten note from Jackson that his mother framed and has hanging on her wall.

"The only way you can assess damages, is to know what they had," Panish told jurors Monday before reading the letter and playing "You Are My Life."

Katherine Jackson dabbed her eyes with a tissue. On Tuesday, she left the courtroom while the paramedic described her son's condition on the day he died.

It may be several days before jurors get another look at Jackson's softer side.

The trial will also feature testimony about Jackson's troubled finances, with debts that reached nearly $400 million by the time he died.

AEG contends the debts made him desperate to have a successful concert series.

"The private Michael Jackson was like a lot of Americans in the 2000s, spending a lot more than he was making," Putnam told the jury after describing the singer's lavish Neverland Ranch, his art collection and other spending.

'American Idol' is now 3rd-rated competition show

NEW YORK (AP)—Television's champion for nearly a decade, Fox's "American Idol," now isn't even the most popular competition show on the air.

Both editions of "The Voice" on NBC and "Dancing With the Stars" on ABC had larger audiences than "Idol" last week, the Nielsen Co. said. "Idol" has been the most popular entertainment program in prime time for nine years running and appears likely to lose that perch this season.

"The Voice" had 14.2 million viewers last Monday and 12.8 million on Tuesday, Nielsen said. Its showing was more impressive among the 19- to 49-year-old viewers that NBC most actively seeks; the shows ranked No. 1 and 3 on that measurement last week.

"American Idol" had 12.5 million viewers on Wednesday and 11.4 million on Thursday, Nielsen said. Among the younger demographic, "Idol" outpaces "Dancing With the Stars."

The most popular show on television this season so far is CBS' "NCIS," and it was the same story last week: The drama led with 17.3 million viewers.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Woody Allen casts stars Colin Firth, Emma Stone

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Woody Allen is returning to France for his next film and bringing Colin Firth and Emma Stone along as its stars. Producers Letty Aronson and Stephen Tenenbaum announced Tuesday that Allen is set to start shooting his untitled new comedy this summer. This is the writer-director's second time filming in France and his eighth film set in Europe. Allen will reunite with the cinematographer, production designer and costume designer he worked with on some his previous European productions. Allen's latest movie, "Blue Jasmine," is to be released in July. It stars Cate Blanchett and Alec Baldwin.

Paltrow, Parker launch Web series for AOL

NEW YORK (AP)—AOL is making its most substantial dip into original video programming with new series from Sarah Jessica Parker, Gwyneth Paltrow, Hank Azaria and Nicole Richie. The Internet company unveiled 15 new digital series Tuesday in a presentation to advertisers in New York. AOL is making a push into original programming in the wake of similar efforts by YouTube, Yahoo and Amazon. Parker will produce a docudrama on the New York City Ballet. Paltrow and Tracy Anderson will host the Ryan Seacrest-produced series "Second Chances," in which they interview women who've overcome hardship. Azaria hosts a parenting series called "Fatherhood." Richie will star in a show based on her Twitter feed.

Maria Shriver is coming back to NBC News

NEW YORK (AP)—After nearly a decade away, former California first lady Maria Shriver is returning to NBC News for a job where she will concentrate on the roles of women in American life. Shriver on Tuesday was named a "special anchor" who will appear on various NBC programming, including CNBC, MSNBC and NBC Sports, and be an editor at large on women's issues for the network's digital properties. She had worked at NBC from 1986 to 2004, much of it on "Dateline NBC." Shriver quit NBC amid concerns about whether her job at the news division could cause conflicts with her position as first lady while her husband, Arnold Schwarzenegger, was governor. The two are now divorcing.

Blackburn to lead 'Pretty Little Liars' spinoff

NEW YORK (AP)—"Pretty Little Liars" star Tyler Blackburn is moving from ABC Family's biggest hit, "Pretty Little Liars," to its spinoff. The network announced Tuesday that the actor will star in "Ravenswood," which will premiere in October after the annual "Liars" Halloween episode. Blackburn's character Caleb Rivers will cross over to the new series. On his official Twitter account, Blackburn wrote that he's "so stoked" about the role and promises fans "won't be disappointed." "Ravenswood" will follow five strangers, whose lives become intertwined by a deadly curse that has plagued their town for generations.

Middler schooler's hearing aids can't tune out laughter

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Last year, I began to lose my hearing due to a genetic disorder and now I have to wear hearing aids. I will be a freshman in high school next year. My teachers all have to wear microphones so I can hear them.

I'm scared other kids will make fun of me for being different. I have already gotten laughed at. What should I do?

EMBARRASSED TEEN

DEAR EMBARRASSED TEEN: When people laugh at a person who has a disability, it is usually out of ignorance. Because this happened at school or another place where there is adult supervision, you and your parents should talk to the principal or person in authority so that person can speak privately with the guilty parties and explain why your hearing aids and the microphone are necessary. Your parents should also have a meeting with the principal of your high school before you go so the problem can be avoided.

When I was in grammar school, a classmate of mine had severe hearing loss. Because the students understood what her problem was, she was never ridiculed.

P.S. Making fun of a child who has a disability is a form of bullying, and should be treated as such.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 25 and have been with my husband for nine years, married for four. I cheated on him twice. He caught me both times.

Even though I strayed, he decided to stay. But now he treats me like I'm a child and a prisoner. He took away my phone, my Internet and I can't go anywhere. He says this is my punishment for what I did. Do I really deserve that? I know we're both wrong, but is he more wrong?

BROKEN WIFE

DEAR BROKEN WIFE: From where I sit, you are equally wrong. How long ago did the cheating incidents occur? If they are recent, you two should be in marriage counseling. If they were long ago, then you must decide if you want to live the rest of your life being treated as a child and a prisoner.

Your husband doesn't trust you because you haven't been trustworthy. But taking away your phone and Internet and keeping you under lock and key will not help you to rebuild it.

You two need more help than anyone can give you in a letter, and I hope you will seek it. If he won't go for counseling, you should go without him because I don't think the status quo can last.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister and brother-in-law passed away two years ago. I am the only living relative of their 28-year-old son, "Louis." He is a loner, spoiled and a poor houseguest. I invite Louis over only because I don't want him to be alone at holiday times. My husband, teenage daughter and I have nothing in common with him, and frankly, he spoils our holidays.

How can I stop inviting my nephew without feeling guilty? Or is there another solution? I hate to make waves.

HOLIDAY HATER IN CANADA

DEAR HOLIDAY HATER: If you invite your nephew for FEWER holidays you will be able to ease your conscience, enjoy more holidays and allow the young man a chance to become more proactive in planning entertainment for himself.

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DEAR ABBY: I may be wrong, but isn't it presumptuous for someone to open the message card on a flower delivery before you get home when the flowers are for you?

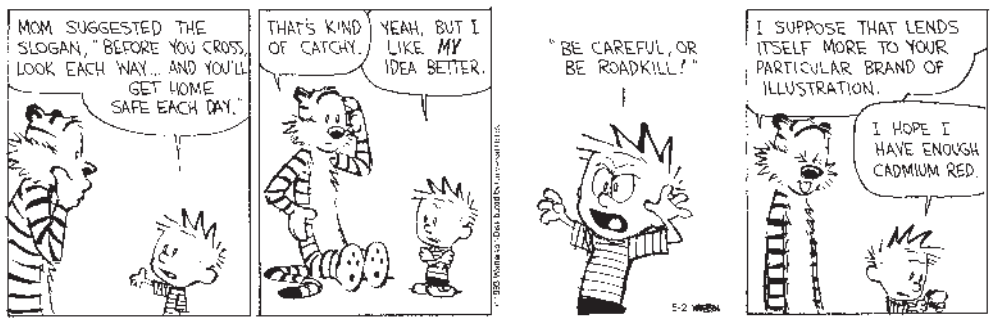
KIMBERLY IN MARYLAND

DEAR KIMBERLY: You're not wrong. The person opening the cards isn't being helpful, but nosy. And it wouldn't be out-of-line to tell the person not to do it again.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

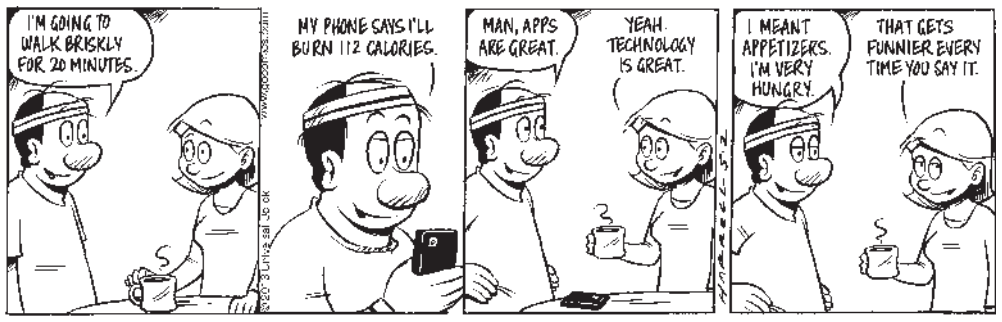

MOM SUGGESTED THE SLOGAN, "BEFORE YOU CROSS, LOOK EACH WAY... AND YOU'LL GET HOME SAFE EACH DAY."
THAT'S KIND OF CATCHY.
YEAH, BUT I LIKE MY IDEA BETTER.
"BE CAREFUL, OR BE ROADKILL!"
I SUPPOSE THAT LENDS ITSELF MORE TO YOUR PARTICULAR BRAND OF ILLUSTRATION.
I HOPE I HAVE ENOUGH CADMIUM RED.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

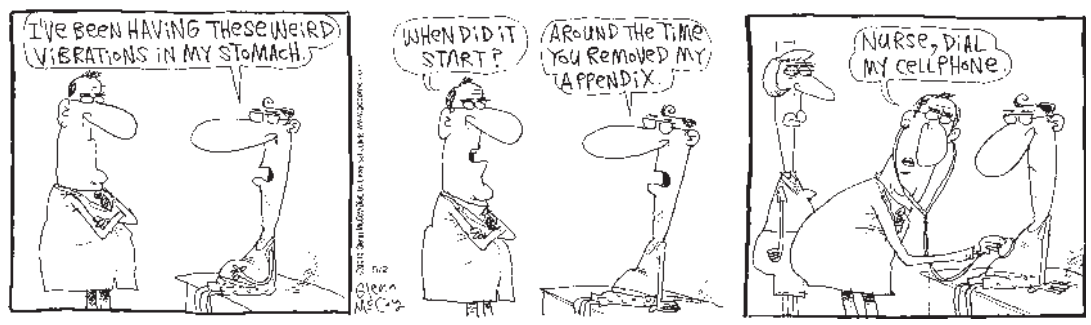
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


I'M GOING TO WALK BRISKLY FOR 20 MINUTES.
MY PHONE SAYS I'LL BURN 112 CALORIES.
MAN, APPS ARE GREAT.
YEAH. TECHNOLOGY IS GREAT.
I MEANT APPETIZERS. I'M VERY HUNGRY.
THAT GETS FUNNIER EVERY TIME YOU SAY IT.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


I'VE BEEN HAVING THESE WEIRD VIBRATIONS IN MY STOMACH.
WHEN DID IT START?
AROUND THE TIME YOU REMOVED MY APPENDIX.
NURSE, DIAL MY CELLPHONE.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Cleans the floors
5 Pouch
8 One of the Three Bears
12 Admitting customers
13 Time of your life?
14 Change for a five
15 Draped dress
16 Sailor
17 Western state
18 Deceptive
20 Melody
22 Lengthwise, to 16-Across
26 In spades
29 Actress Farrow
30 Mai — (cocktail)
31 Exceptional
32 Corral
33 Check
34 Film trickery, for short
35 One of the Brady Bunch
36 Cartoonist Trudeau
37 Everywhere
40 Surround
41 Attachments
45 Blunder
47 Rowing need
49 Help in crime
50 Padlock fastener
51 Oilfield structure
52 Fourth dimension
53 Vocal comeback
54 Hearty brew
55 Surmounting

DOWN
1 Rolling stone's lack
2 Colorful fish
3 Graceful woman
4 Cold symptom
5 Attendant of Bacchus
6 — Khan
7 Foolproof
8 100 pence
9 Enemy of an "army"?
10 Shade of green
11 Shade of blonde
19 Plaything
21 Actress Merkel
23 Make corrections
24 Equitable
25 Wee
26 St. Louis landmark
27 Creche trio
28 Annoyingly proper
32 Internet radio provider
33 Numbers to be crunched
35 Cookie container
36 Deity
38 Ballerina in "Fantasia"
39 Ginormous
42 Last write-up
43 "Finding —"
44 Flight component
45 That girl
46 Fond du —, Wis.
48 Have something

Solution time: 25 mins.

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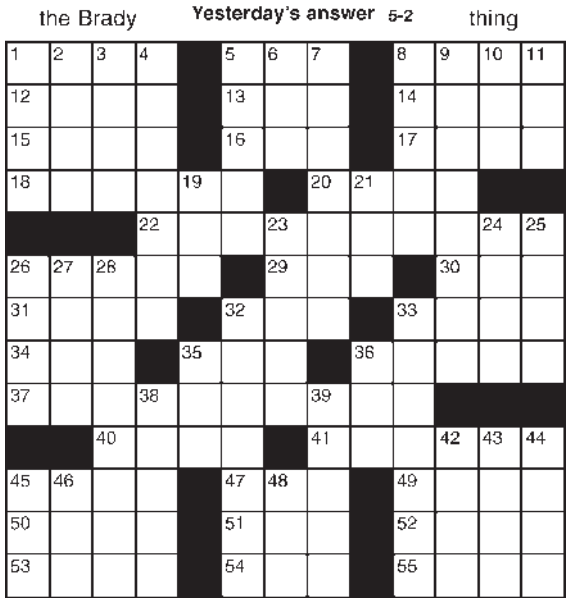
Yesterday's answer 5-2



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kyle Busch, 28; Ellie Kemper, 31; David Beckham, 38; Dwayne Johnson, 41

Happy Birthday: Refuse to give in to emotional manipulation. You have to separate work and your personal life in order to excel in both areas. Shrewdness in business will help you reach your goals, but at home you must show compassion and understanding for those you love. Taking on greater responsibilities will be difficult, but will eventually lead to a better future. Your numbers are 8, 12, 23, 31, 35, 39, 44.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Sharing will be the way to get things accomplished as long as you are willing to ask for what you need. Don't feel weak because you need a little help. Pick the people you want to collaborate with carefully and continue. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Emotions will play a role in the outcome of a situation you are dealing with at work. Don't mix business with pleasure or let someone you are involved with personally stand between you and success. Put your goals first. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Someone will withhold information. Do your research and find out the facts before you decide to make your intentions public. Indulgence and a lack of integrity must be avoided. Dealing with institutions will not be easy or straightforward. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You may feel lucky, but taking a risk will not turn out as planed. Stick to what you know and use common sense when it comes to financial, medical or legal matters. It's best to be safe, not sorry. Focus more on romance. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You'll face roadblocks and interference if you try to make changes openly. Step back and make your plans quietly until you are certain that you can achieve your goal and not upset those affected by the decisions you make. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Put more time and effort into you. Self-improvement projects will pay off and draw compliments. Love and romance should also be on your mind. Travel plans or spending down time with someone special will enhance your life. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You may have to make some sacrifices regarding your home or domestic situation in order to avoid a loss. Structure your personal budget to fit your situation. An educational pursuit will pay off, but first you must do the work. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Not everyone will agree with you, but you are still best to face the music and discuss your plans. Use your imagination and you'll find a way to persuade anyone opposing your decision to give you a chance to do your own thing. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't be disappointed if someone you were counting on doesn't come through. Focus on what you can do on your own and how you can improve your personal life by following old dreams, hopes and wishes. Don't give up; get started. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): A home improvement project will improve your living space and your relationship with those you live with. Love is on the rise, and a serious discussion will bring about a suitable solution to any pending problem. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Learn from your mistakes. Keep a close eye on what others do and say and you'll avoid making an emotional mistake. Stick close to home and make changes to your current living situation that will encourage you to expand your interests. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Dig up old ideas and plans. Talk to people causing you emotional grief and set the record straight. Invest your time or money in something or someone you believe will lead to profits. Love is highlighted and a celebration should be planed. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are curious, determined and stubborn. You are reliable and responsible.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/02

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

1	9	4	5	3	2	8	6	7
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9	1	2	3	4	5	7	8	6
5	8	7	2	9	6	1	3	4
3	4	6	8	1	7	2	5	9

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

FAMILY PHOTOS (ALL IN FRENCH) **Solution: 11 letters**

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Grizzlies win 3rd straight vs Clippers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Zach Randolph scored 10 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter and the Memphis Grizzlies capitalized on Blake Griffin's ankle injury to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 103-93 on Tuesday night, taking a 3-2 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Mike Conley added 20 points for the Grizzlies, who will try to wrap it up Friday night at home. The Pacific Division champion Clippers, who won their last seven games of the regular season to clinch home-court advantage for the first two rounds, would force a deciding seventh game on Sunday back at Staples Center with a win in Memphis.

AP

Memphis Grizzlies' Zach Randolph, right, shoots as he is defended by Los Angeles Clippers' DeAndre Jordan, left, and Matt Barnes during the second half in Game 5 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in Los Angeles, Tuesday, April 30, 2013.

Chris Paul led Los Angeles with 35 points, tying a career playoff high.

Griffin was late joining teammates on the floor for warm-ups because he was getting his right ankle worked on. The three-time All-Star rolled it during Monday's practice when he stepped on Lamar Odom's foot, but no one in the organization let on, and coach Vinny Del Negro didn't broach the subject during his pregame briefing with reporters.

Once the game started, Griffin ignored the ankle issue and attacked the Grizzlies in the same reckless manner that has been his trademark since he came into the league. But he played only 19 minutes—six in the second half—and finished with four points, five rebounds and five assists. He also got a technical foul from referee Jason Phillips just 3 minutes into the game after scoring on a fastbreak layup and shoving center Marc Gasol's arm.

Memphis took its biggest lead, 65-52, on Conley's three-point play with 6:28 left in the third quarter. The Grizzlies opened the fourth with a 73-65 advantage before the Clippers closed on Paul's layup and Matt Barnes' fastbreak slam off a long pass by Jamal Crawford.

From then on, it was up to Paul and the reserves to bail out the Clippers. But Randolph was too much to deal with again, following his dominant efforts in Games 3 and 4.

Tayshaun Prince helped wrap it up with a layup and a 3-pointer in the final minutes after the Clippers got within five on a short jumper by Crawford with 1:49 remaining.

During a bruising opening half, 24 fouls were called and neither team led by more than four until Gasol's three-point play gave the Grizzlies a 46-40 margin with 2:35 left. Griffin picked up his third foul on the play and his second in a span of 28 seconds.

One key sequence came when Conley hit an off-balance 11-foot bank shot with 1:08 left in the half and Clippers reserve center Ryan Hollins threw the ensuing inbounds pass right to Randolph. Moments later, Conley converted two free throws to give Memphis a nine-point lead 48 seconds before intermission.

With the sellout crowd of 19,384 urging him on, Paul responded with a 3-pointer. His driving layup was blocked by Prince at the end of the half.

Nuggets 107, Warriors 100

In Denver, Kenneth Faried brought the energy and the Denver Nuggets rediscovered their toughness in time to stave off elimination with a win over the Golden State Warriors.

The Nuggets slowed down Golden State's guards, jumpstarted their transition game and got under Andrew Bogut's skin in Game 5, jumping out to a 22-point lead before weathering the Warriors' frenetic fourth-quarter rally.

Game 6 is Thursday night in Oakland. Golden State leads the series 3-2.

Andre Iguodala had 25 points and 12 rebounds, Ty Lawson had 19 points and 10 assists and Faried had 13 points and 10 boards.

Stephen Curry finished 1 of 7 from 3 and scored 15. Harrison Barnes led Golden State with 23 points.

Jaguars' Blackmon suspended for substance abuse

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Justin Blackmon's latest violation of the NFL's substance-abuse policy will cost him money—maybe lots of it.

The league suspended Blackmon on Tuesday for the first four games of the 2013 season for his second violation in less than a year. He will not get paid for the four-week hiatus. Maybe more importantly, the suspension triggers language in his contract that voids future guarantees.

Now, the Jaguars could cut him without having to pay about $10 million that remains on a four-year, $18.5 million contract.

"It's very disappointing," general manager Dave Caldwell said on a conference call with reporters. "We understand that this isn't all going to be an upward trend and we're going to have setbacks. To be honest with you, things like this are frustrating because it's an avoidable situation. That's what's real concerning and frustrating. At the end of the day, we're going to have 53 players on our team on opening day and we're just moving forward and we're not slowing down."

It's Blackmon's third substance-related incident in less than three years. He was arrested on a misdemeanor DUI charge in Texas in 2010 after officers caught him speeding on a suburban Dallas highway. The charge was later reduced to an underage alcohol possession charge. A little more than a month after the Jaguars traded up to select the former Oklahoma State star with the fifth overall pick in last year's draft, he was arrested during a traffic stop in Stillwater, Okla., after a breath test allegedly showed his blood alcohol content to be three times the legal limit.

That arrest landed him the NFL's substance-abuse program.

It's unclear what caused his second violation, but it could have been a failed drug test.

"He realizes he's at a crossroad, not only in his career but in his life," Caldwell said. "We do not anticipate his level of accountability to be any different than anybody else in this franchise, including myself."

Blackmon vowed last June that getting in trouble is "not who I'm going to be."

He found himself apologizing again Tuesday.

"I've made a mistake and I have no excuse," he said in a statement. "I am truly sorry and disappointed in myself for putting the Jaguars in this situation, and I look forward to putting this behind me and maturing and growing as a person. I will have a productive training camp and preseason with my team, and during the suspension, I will work hard to stay in top football shape and be ready to help the Jaguars when I return.

"I have chosen to be accountable for my poor decision, and I sincerely apologize to my teammates, coaches, the front office and Jaguars fans for the impact of my mistake on the team."

Collins' big test will be joining an NBA *team*

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The coming-out part is over.

Now Jason Collins needs a job.

Collins' stunning announcement that he was a gay athlete in a major sport won overwhelming support from other players, coaches and executives—even a phone call from the president.

But it also came after the season ended for the 7-foot center and his Washington Wizards.

The 34-year-old journeyman becomes a free agent on July 1—meaning that he will first have to sign with an NBA team and wait until next season to see if teammates, coaches, opponents and fans will treat him any differently.

"I think the real response will be once he gets a job," said Brooklyn Nets veteran Jerry Stackhouse, who has called Collins a friend for years.

"It's not like he's under contract next year and guaranteed to go back to a team. I think once that happens, then public opinion or whatever or players' opinion will start to loom a little larger then. But right now we've got the summer to kind of digest what has happened, and I'm pulling for him."

Perhaps only when he starts seeing offers from teams will he get an idea of what coming out will mean for his career. He only played in 38 games last season—his 12th year in the NBA—with averages of 1.1 points, 1.6 rebounds and 10.1 minutes per game for Boston and Washington.

He may not be an All-Star, but he has built a career by being a big, smart, physical player who can come off the bench and help defend some of the few remaining dominant centers the league like the Lakers' Dwight Howard, Brooklyn's Brook Lopez and Marc Gasol of Memphis.

And 7-footers in basketball are like left-handed pitchers in baseball—hard to find and can hang around forever if they stay in shape.

His basketball skills were praised by President Barack Obama at a White House news conference Tuesday, a day after he telephoned Collins to offer his support.

According to Obama, Collins was "a role model" who was unafraid to come out as gay and to say, "I'm still 7-foot-tall and can bang with Shaq and, you know, deliver a hard foul."

Collins' potential for future employment appears to be strong.

"Jason's the kind of guy who might only play against five of the 30 teams in the league," TNT analyst and former Phoenix Suns executive Steve Kerr said. "But you need him in those five games, those five matchups. He's definitely worth adding to your roster."

Rebounding, defending, setting screens, those will likely be the least of his concerns. He knows how to do that. But being openly gay in the NBA—that's never been done before.

"Just treat him normal," Heat forward Chris Bosh said. "He's a human being. It's not like he has two heads or anything. He's the same dude. You say `What's up?' like everything is normal."

Minnesota Vikings punter Chris Kluwe, a vocal advocate for gay rights, has said the first openly gay athlete likely won't have as much to worry about with his teammates in his own locker room as he will with the media that will no doubt give him more attention than he's ever seen.

"The media stuff would be tougher," Kluwe said when speaking about the prospects of an openly gay football player. "At the end of the day, that would be a larger potential distraction as far as taking away your focus from football, because in the locker room you get to know guys. It would probably be uncomfortable for about a week or so as guys wrap their heads around it. At the end of the day we're out there to play football and win games. If someone helps you win games, it doesn't matter."

Golden State Warriors President and COO Rick Welts, the highest-ranking executive in men's professional team sports to publicly acknowledge he is gay, said he thinks there will be a place in the league for Collins.

"He absolutely will receive more opportunities," Welts said. "A lot more doors will open for Jason than are going to close because of what he did (Monday)."

Welts has been out since 2011.

"I can't think of single circumstance that has happened to me," he said. "This team, this organization, this city, the whole community has really embraced me. The reason I did it is because hopefully it will make it easier for somebody who has gone through it and experienced it will come out."

It's one thing for players to support Collins now. It's another when he joins them for training camp in October—or when athletes in other sports also come out.

"There's probably going to be teammates that don't handle it right, and that's what you have to worry about, too," Kansas City Royals slugger Billy Butler said. "I don't think you have to worry about Jason. You have to worry about other people handle it toward him. Jason's already handled his part. I think his biggest problem was having to live in the closet. Everybody else has to live how to deal with it, to be flat-out honest."

Even if teams decide that Collins cannot help them on the court any longer, Stackhouse suggested he deserves a spot anyway.

"Maybe he might not be the best fit for their basketball team but it's a fit for where we need to go as a league," Stackhouse said. "So if there's ever a chance for the commissioner, who is leaving in February, to step in and maybe push a button, then I think that would be a good opportunity to do it."

Kerr doesn't think NBA Commissioner David Stern will have to step in.

"When the free-agent season starts to wind down and teams realize they're going to need a big guy on the roster," Kerr said, "I think Jason will get phone calls."

Cespedes drives in 4 runs, A's beat Angels

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Brandon Moss hit his second home run of the night with two outs in the bottom of the 19th inning to give the Oakland Athletics a 10-8 victory over the Los Angeles Angels early Tuesday in the longest major league game of the season.

The teams were on the field for 6 hours, 32 minutes in a marathon game that ended at 1:41 a.m. on the West Coast. By time, it was the longest game ever played in Oakland—and the longest in Angels history.

Oakland slugger Yoenis Cespedes singled off the left-center wall against closer Ernesto Frieri to drive in the tying run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth.

Los Angeles went ahead 8-7 in the 15th on Brett Anderson's bases-loaded walk to J.B. Shuck, but the A's tied it in the bottom half on Adam Rosales' two-out single off Jerome Williams after a costly error by first baseman Albert Pujols.

Pujols homered twice earlier in the game and finished with four hits and three RBIs. Mark Trumbo also went deep for the Angels and added a two-run double.

The A's finally pulled it out on Moss' two-run shot off Barry Enright (0-1), making his first big league appearance this season.

Jerry Blevins (2-0) worked 1 2-3 scoreless innings for the victory.

It was the longest game in the majors since the Pittsburgh Pirates won 6-3 in 19 innings at St. Louis on Aug. 19 last year, according to STATS.

Indians 9, Royals 0

In Kansas City, Missouri, Ubaldo Jimenez pitched into the eighth inning, Ryan Raburn hit two home runs and Cleveland routed Kansas City to split their four-game series.

Raburn hit a three-run shot in the fifth inning and a solo homer in the eighth. He finished with four hits and Jason Kipnis also went deep to pace a suddenly potent Indians offense.

Not that all the offense was needed.

Jimenez (1-2) allowed only two walks and an infield single by Billy Butler over his first seven innings. Otherwise, he kept the Royals off balance in a dazzling start that brought back memories of the pitcher who once threw a no-hitter for the Colorado Rockies.

Meanwhile, Wade Davis (2-2) made a second straight miserable start for the Royals. The right-hander allowed eight runs, 12 hits and three walks in 4 2-3 innings.

Astros 9, Yankees 1

In New York, Carlos Corporan homered among his four hits and drove in four runs to lead Houston.

In their first game at Yankee Stadium as an AL team, the Astros peppered Andy Pettitte (3-2) for 10 hits and seven runs, both season highs for the left-hander. Brandon Barnes and Corporan had two-run doubles and Barnes added an RBI single and a double. Barnes and Corporan each set career highs for hits and RBIs.

Houston bounced back from a four-game sweep in Boston with an enthusiastic win over the Yankees, who had just taken four straight from Toronto.

The Astros had 17 hits in improving the AL's worst record to 8-18. Lucas Harrell (3-2) pitched 6 1-3 innings to get the victory.

Vernon Wells had an RBI single in the sixth for New York.

Tigers 4, Twins 3

In Detroit, Prince Fielder's three-run homer in the sixth inning put Detroit ahead, and the Tigers held on for their fourth straight win.

Detroit trailed 3-1 when Andy Dirks reached on a bunt single and Miguel Cabrera walked. Fielder hit the first pitch to left-center for an opposite-field homer. That part of the fence is about 405 feet from home plate.

Max Scherzer (3-0) allowed three runs and six hits in 7 1-3 innings. He struck out 10 without a walk. Drew Smyly finished the eighth and got the first two outs of the ninth before Joaquin Benoit earned his second save.

Mike Pelfrey (2-3) allowed four runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings. Josh Willingham went deep for Minnesota.

AP

Oakland Athletics' Brandon Moss gets a shaving cream pie to the face as he conducts an interview after his game winning two-run home run against the Los Angeles Angels during a baseball game on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 in Oakland.

Mariners 6, Orioles 2

In Seattle, Michael Saunders homered in his first at-bat since coming off the disabled list and Joe Saunders pitched his eighth career complete game to lead Seattle over Baltimore in front of the smallest crowd in Safeco Field history.

Kyle Seager had a two-run triple and Jason Bay added three hits as the Mariners won their third straight game for their longest winning streak of the season. Their latest victory came in front of 9,818 fans at the 14-year-old ballpark.

Matt Wieters hit a two-run homer for Baltimore. Zach Britton (0-1) gave up six runs and 10 hits over six innings in his first start of the season after being called up from Triple-A Norfolk.

Joe Saunders (2-3) yielded his first earned run at Safeco Field this season in his third home start, but went the distance for the first time since April 27, 2012. He allowed four hits, walked one and struck out two while improving to 8-0 at the Mariners' home.

Braves 8, Nationals 1

In Atlanta, Tim Hudson was a dual threat in his 200th career win, combining with Anthony Varvaro on a three-hitter while adding a homer and a double to lead the Atlanta Braves to a win over the Washington Nationals.

Hudson (3-1) dominated the Nationals through seven innings, striking out six, walking two and giving up one run. The 37-year-old also led off the second with a double to left field off Gio Gonzalez (2-2) and hit a fifth-inning homer off Zach Duke.

The Braves won their ninth straight against Washington, dating to last season.

Andrelton Simmons had three hits, including a homer to lead off the first inning for Atlanta. Freddie Freeman had three singles and three RBIs, and Evan Gattis drove in two runs with two hits.

Hudson's homer was the third of his career and first since June 20, 2011 against Toronto. He became the third active pitcher with 200 wins, joining Andy Pettitte (248) and Roy Halladay (201). Hudson is 200-105 in his career, including 92 wins while with Oakland from 1999-2004.

Gonzalez lasted only four innings, allowing five runs on seven hits and five walks.

Giants 2, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Pablo Sandoval hit a two-run homer with one out in the top of the ninth to lead San Francisco to a win over Arizona.

Arizona starter Trevor Cahill left after allowing a leadoff single to Angel Pagan, the Giants' fourth hit against the right-hander. J.J. Putz (2-1) came on for Arizona and struck out Marco Scutaro, and quickly went ahead 0-1 on Sandoval, who sent the next pitch into the stands in right.

It was Putz's fourth blown save in nine chances.

Sandy Rosario (1-0) recorded the last out of the eighth for his first career win, and Sergio Romo pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Cardinals 2, Reds 1

In St. Louis, Matt Holliday hit a two-run homer, Jaime Garcia continued his mastery of Cincinnati with eight strong innings and St. Louis snapped a three-game losing streak.

Garcia (3-1) gave up one run on seven hits, struck out three and did not walk a batter. The left-hander improved to 7-0 in eight starts against the Reds at Busch Stadium and is 9-2 overall against them. He retired the last seven batters he faced and recorded 18 ground ball outs.

Edward Mujica struck out the side in the ninth for his fifth save in as many chances.

Bronson Arroyo (2-3) allowed two runs on six hits over seven innings for the Reds, whose win streak ended at three games.

Brewers 12, Pirates 8

In Milwaukee, Rickie Weeks broke out of a season-long slump with a three-run homer and five RBIs to lead Milwaukee over Pittsburgh.

Weeks finished with three hits for the Brewers, who won their ninth straight against Pittsburgh. They improved to 46-7 at Miller Park against the Pirates since the start of 2007.

Andrew McCutchen homered and had four hits for Pittsburgh.

After Tom Gorzelanny (1-0) escaped a two-on, none-out jam in the seventh, Yuniesky Betancourt lined his sixth home run of the year off Pirates reliever Bryan Morris (0-1).

Weeks, who began the night batting .167, hit his second homer of the season in the eighth.

Dodgers 6, Rockies 2

In Los Angeles, Hyun-Jin Ryu had a career-best 12 strikeouts in six innings and Hanley Ramirez homered in his first start of the season, leading Los Angeles over Colorado.

Carlos Gonzalez gave the Rockies a 1-0 lead in the first with a homer—but it didn't last.

After giving up the home run to Gonzalez, Ryu (3-1) retired 14 of the next 15 batters he faced. His 12 strikeouts were the most by a Dodgers rookie since Hideo Nomo fanned 13 on Aug. 20, 1995.

Ryu, Matt Kemp, Adrian Gonzalez and Jerry Hairston Jr. all drove in runs for the Dodgers.

Jorge De La Rosa (2-3) worked four innings for the Rockies, giving up six earned runs on 11 hits with two walks and a strikeout. He fell to 0-8 in his career against the Dodgers.

Marlins 2, Mets 1

In Miami, Juan Pierre scored standing up on a wild pitch with none out in the ninth and Miami came from behind in the final inning for the second consecutive game to beat reeling New York.

Jeremy Hefner (0-3) took a 1-0 lead and a three-hitter into the ninth inning but couldn't get another out for the Mets, who have dropped six straight games. Hefner had a career-high eight strikeouts and lowered his ERA from 5.14 to 3.72.

An intentional walk loaded the bases before Mets reliever Brandon Lyon's first pitch to Greg Dobbs was a low breaking ball that got away from Recker, allowing Pierre to score.

Ryan Webb (1-1) pitched a perfect ninth to get the win.

Padres 13, Cubs 7

In Chicago, Carlos Quentin homered and drove in three runs and San Diego battered Edwin Jackson in a win over Chicago.

Edinson Volquez (2-3) worked 5 2-3 innings, allowing four runs while striking out three in his first outing against Chicago while with San Diego. Volquez is 5-0 in seven career starts against the Cubs, including 3-0 at Wrigley Field.

Quentin was 3 for 4 with the home run and two doubles. He is 34 for 101 (.337) with nine homers against the Cubs in his career.

Jackson (0-4) went 4 2-3 innings, giving up 11 hits and eight runs.

Johnson: Strasburg may have irritated nerve in arm

ATLANTA (AP)—Washington Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg may have irritated a nerve in his right arm using an electrical stimulation machine.

The machines are used by athletes to build strength and are attached with adhesive electrodes. Manager Davey Johnson said the device could have been placed too close to a nerve in Strasburg's pitching arm, leading to discomfort in Monday night's start against the Atlanta Braves.

Johnson said the Nationals do not expect Strasburg to have continued problems with the irritated nerve but it was too early to determine whether Strasburg will make his next scheduled start Saturday at Pittsburgh. The manager wants to see how the right-hander throws in a bullpen session.

"I think it will settle down by the time he throws his side," Johnson said. "I think Strasburg feels a lot better about it. So do I."

Strasburg frequently shook his right arm while pitching six innings and allowing two runs in the Nationals' 3-2 loss Monday night.

Johnson said after the game Strasburg "doesn't look right to me." The manager said he was concerned Monday because Strasburg struggled with his control while walking four batters and shook his arm so often between pitches.

"He always does this a little bit, but it was so pronounced yesterday, it really worried me," Johnson said Tuesday. "But he feels all right about it so I feel all right about it."

Asked after the game why he was shaking his arm, Strasburg said "You just try to stay loose."

Strasburg insisted Monday "I'm not missing my next start. I'll tell you that right now."

He had lost a career-worst four straight starts before pitching six innings and getting a no-decision Monday night. He is 1-4 with a 3.13 ERA.

Sablan zeroes in on batting title

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The Tan Holdings Brewers' Manny Sablan is likely to win this year's batting race in the Saipan Major League, as he remained on top of the charts after their 11-10 victory over the IP&E Fielders last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Field.

The Brewers catcher, who went 2-for-3 against the Fielders, is the only slugger in the league to have a batting average of at least .500, as his 21-for-41 performance gave him a .512 average. Sablan is ahead of four Fielders players, who can no longer unseat him, as the Fielders quartet of Patrick Tenorio, Jordan Pangelinan, Shane Mendiola, and Ricardo Dela Cruz are already out of games, finishing the regular season in third place with a 7-5 record.

Only the Saipan Stevedore Northern Yankees and D-9ers were not yet done with their regular season assignments at press time, as they were scheduled to collide last night, and it is impossible for a member of either squad to bump off Sablan from the top spot. The Yankees have only one slugger competing in the batting race with Brian Camacho in 10th place as of last Monday's statistics. He holds a .350 average off a 14-for-40 performance at bat. The D-9ers also have one entry in the Top 10 with Rocco Reyes in seventh place, hitting 12-for-33 for an average of .364.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Tan Holdings Brewers' Manny Sablan, right, walks back to their dugout, along with manager Tony Rogolifoi, right, and designated hitter Mike Pangelinan during their SML game against the Fielders last Monday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Fielders are dominating the Top 10 of batting race with five of their players making the elite list. Tenorio (18-for-37/.496) is in second, followed by teammates Pangelinan (18-for-39/.462), Mendiola (21-for-53/.396) and Dela Cruz (19-for-50/.380), the Angels' Nunu Kapileo (14-for-38 /.368), Rocco Reyes, the Fielders' John M. Reyes (16-for-45/.356), the Brewers' Ton Guerrero (13-for-37/.351), and Camacho.

The young crew of the Fielders are also ahead in majority of other categories with Pangelinan on top of the runs and doubles scored lists. He earned 20 runs to lead the Yankees' Jerome Delos Santos and Ben Jones, who have 17 apiece. A win over the D-9ers last night would allow the Yankees to play an extra game against the Brewers for the pennant, giving Delos Santos and Jones a chance to overtake Pangelinan in the runs scored race.

Pangelinan is likely to win the battle for RBIs with his 17, five more than Delos Santos' 11. However, Pangelinan's five doubles are beatable, as the Yankees' Camacho has earned four so far, while the D-9ers' Lawrence Dikito and Delos Santos have three each.

In the triples category, it is a close race, too, with the Brewers' Jun Rabauliman nailing four against the three and two of Delos Santos and D-9ers' Isaiah Lizama, respectively. In home runs, the Yankees' Camacho holds a shaky lead with his two runs. His teammate Byron Kaipat is the only other player in the league so far to make a homer, doing it last Friday against the Fielders.

Yankees dominate pitching race

In pitching, it is four Yankees against the Brewers' Vince Cepeda.

Tony Benavente kept his reign this week after grabbing the top spot from teammate Dave Camacho last April 16. Benavente, who has a 1.40 ERA after pitching 19.1 innings, allowing 10 runs, and posting three errors, excluding last night's games against the D-9ers leads teammates Bobby Castro (1.42) Tom Agulto (1.45), and Camacho (1.76). Cepeda, who pitched 48.2 in 12 games, is ranked fourth with his 1.48 ERA and could still move up if a tiebreak match for the pennant takes place tomorrow and he pitches for the Brewers in the crucial tiff. The Brewers ace, however, is likely to keep the strikeouts title, as his 60 Ks are way ahead of the 40 of the Fielders' Joe Palacios. Mendiola is at third with his 31 strikeouts, followed by the D-9ers' Ben Lizama, Jr. (24) and the Brewers' Ton Camacho (19).

Meanwhile, rounding out the Top 10 in the pitching leaders are the Fielders' Jimmy Brel (1.88 ERA), the D-9ers' Ton Castro (1.98), Palacios (3.30), the Angels' Bill Camacho (3.32), and Mendiola (3.42).

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mentum en route to breaking the Twins in five and a half innings. Dennis Cabrera put the Enforcers on the board, as he led off with a double, stole third, and then reached home plate off a Lloyd Tarope double to right field. Tarope also scored off a Shakobe Rangamar triple, while the latter made it a 3-0 count, advancing to home off a wild throw.

Kenneth Kaipat was next at bat and after he hit a double, he stole third and went on to score the fourth run in the game off a passed ball. The Enforcers' last two runs in the inning came off errors for a 6-0 error and they stretched the lead to 7-1 after Kaipat shut down the Twins anew in the second inning, striking out two and leaving two runners stranded.

The Twins managed to break into the scoreboard in the third inning off a fielder's choice, but that was not enough to cut the deficit, as the Enforcers answered with two more runs in the fifth against only one from their foes. The Enforcers went on to close the game at the top of the sixth with Kaipat getting two more strikes before Cabrera replaced him and they got the third and final out, as Craig Borja was tagged out to third.

Meanwhile, six more regular season games will be played this weekend. On Saturday, McDonald's will take on the Little Legals in the first match, while the Ol'Aces will face IT&E in the second game, and the Rockies and Kagman Ford Rangers collide in the third tiff. Then on Sunday, the Comets I and Jets will square off in the curtain raiser, the Rockies will battle the Twins in the second match, and the Little Legals play the Enforcers in the third game.

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duo will be going for the championship this weekend against the pair of Daniel Park and Seiya Eda, who eliminated the all-female tandem of Negahr Rastguiy and Mikayla Lopez in the other semis duel.

The favored Lee and Minor only played one game in the doubles competition, as they drew a bye in the first round, while Villanueva and Ackerman shut out Seok Jun Yun and Troy Young last Saturday, 6-0, 6-0, to gain entry to the semifinals. Rastguiy and Lopez also saw action last Saturday and nailed a 6-3, 6-2 win over the all-male duo of Michael Ren and Luther Lizama to advance to the semis against Eda and Park, who got a bye at the start of the competition.

Meanwhile, two other doubles divisions held preliminary games over the weekend.

In the girls U13 age group, the field is down to four teams with Conatsu Kaga and Asia Raulerson, Julia Ishikawa and Malika Miyawaki, and Liza Atalig, and Emily Jones joining automatic qualifiers Carol Lee and Tania Tan in the semis.

Lee and Tan drew a bye in the first round for an outright semis seat in the top half of the draw and they will meet Kaga and Raulerson, who barged into the Final Four after ousting Ellie Epley and Maria Gregoire last Saturday, 6-0, 6-2.

In the lower half of the draw, Atalig and Jones dominated Maaya Sato and Hana Ojima, 6-1, 6-0, to set up a semis tiff against Ishikawa and Miyawaki, who prevailed over Ruth Park and Coume Kaga, 6-0, 6-0.

In the boys U13, which has a round-robin format, only two matches were completed at press time. Steven Goodwin teamed up with Robbie Schorr and they won their first match last Saturday against Gang Min Kim and Eugene Park, 6-3, 6-1. In the other match last Saturday, Haruya Eda and Ken Song survived Michael Jones and Vincent Tudela in a three-set game. Eda and Song dropped the opening set, 3-6, but swept the last two, 6-0, 6-2, to steal the win.

The round-robin competition and the rest of the playoff matches in both doubles and singles events will be completed this weekend.

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its 1-0-6 card. Korean Football Association on Saipan (3-1-3) and fall champion Tan Holdings FC (1-1-5) complete the field.

Wild Bill's jumped to a 3-0 halftime lead and matched Paire's output in the second half for its second straight win in the second round of the double-round robin competition. Tanapon Unsa drilled the first two goals for Wild Bill's (10th and 30th minute), while Jack Thoensaket also canned back-to-back goals (43rd and 72nd). Unsa went on to post a hat-trick, getting his third goal in the 75th minute.

Zhi Peng Lin put Paire in the board in the 51st minute, while fellow youth player Timothy Tawanpiy scored the other goal 15 minutes later.

MP United 4, Inter Godfather's 1

MP United avenged its first round loss to Inter Godfather's with Joe Miller leading last Sunday's win.

Miller had a hat-trick for MP United, which got its offense going early for a promising 3-0 advantage at the break. Miller found the back of the net right into the first minute, while Daniel Agulto nailed the second goal eight minutes later. Miller earned his second goal two minutes before the first half wrapped up and completed the hat-trick in the 59th minute. Inter's lone goal came from Peter Loken 10 minutes later after MP United built a stout 4-0 lead.

Meanwhile, in the third game in Division 1, KFAS was handed a win via forfeiture against Tan Holdings, which did not have enough players for the match.

DIVISION 2
Sun Palace 2, Matansa 2

The only Division 2 match played last weekend ended in a draw.

Panapa Peteru made the game-tying goal in the 63rd minute, foiling Matansa's bid for an upset after scoring two early goals. Matansa (2-1-3) took the driver's seat off Thomas Mandumpala's goal in the third minute and even stretched its lead to 2-0 after Kamrul also scored seven minutes later. Fradel Sedillo sliced the deficit to one with his goal in the 24th minute before Peteru canned the equalizer in the second half.

Before settling for a draw, Sun Palace (4-1-1) came off a 5-3 win over Shirley's FC (0-0-5) to keep the division lead against Kanoa FC (3-0-2).

Tenorio bags Amigos April Ace

Amigos Golf Club held its qualifying round last April 21 at the Marianas Country Club. A total of 18 members participated for a chance for the club's April ace honor.

Topping the round was Jonathan Tenorio who carded a gross score of 80 and with his 15 handicap posted an impressive net of 65.

Tenorio

Right behind him was Joe Tudela, who also came in with a gross of 80, but with his 13 handicap settled for a net of 67. Frank Guerrero was just three strokes back with a gross score of 87 and with his 19 handicap, came away with a net of 68. Felix Sasamoto and Christina Kim also finished with a net of 68.

Doll Yamagashi came with the lowest net of 62, however, she already earned the March ace effectively making her ineligible from winning other monthly tilts.

Other players who took part in the April ace, with their scores in parenthesis, are as follows: Terry Guerrero (70), Lorraine Babauta (71), John Matsumoto (72), Ben Jones Sr. (73), Sablan Frank (74), John Guerrero and Sablan Joe Jr. (77), and Dr. Larry Hocog, Dan Quituqua, and Joe Sablan Sr. (79).

The April ace concluded last Sunday, April 28, at Kingfisher Golf Links where a total of 18 players participated.

It was obvious that the Top 3 were pumped for the challenge. However, when the dust settled, top qualifier Jonathan Tenorio continued his consistent ball striking and timely putting and shot a 43 at the front and duplicated the feat at the back for a gross of 86.

With his 15 handicap, Tenorio finished with a net of 71 and along with his qualifying net of 65, he finished with a total net of 136, which was enough to earn him the Amigos Golf Club's April ace.

He joined Sherlyn Jones (January), Diding Hocog (February), and Doll Yamgishi (March) as early qualifiers for the season-ending club championship.

Coming second was Joe Tudela with a total net of 138. Third went to John Matsumoto and Lorraine Babauta with a net of 142. Felix Sasamoto and Frank Guerrero were tied at 145, followed by Dan Quituga's 146, and Joe Sablan Jr.'s 151. John Guerrero, Larry Hocog, Ben Jones Sr., Frank Sablan, and Terry Guerrero all finished with 152, while Joe Sablan Sr. and Sunny Bee closed with a 156 and 169, respectively. ***(PR)***

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	18	8	.692	_
New York	16	10	.615	2
Baltimore	16	11	.593	2 1/2
Tampa Bay	12	14	.462	6
Toronto	10	17	.370	8 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	15	10	.600	_
Kansas City	14	10	.583	1/2
Minnesota	11	12	.478	3
Cleveland	11	13	.458	3 1/2
Chicago	10	15	.400	5

West Division

Texas	17	9	.654	_
Oakland	16	12	.571	2
Seattle	12	17	.414	6 1/2
Los Angeles	9	17	.346	8
Houston	8	19	.296	9 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	17	9	.654	_
Washington	13	14	.481	4 1/2
Philadelphia	12	15	.444	5 1/2
New York	10	15	.400	6 1/2
Miami	8	19	.296	9 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	15	11	.577	_
Milwaukee	14	11	.560	1/2
Pittsburgh	15	12	.556	1/2
Cincinnati	15	13	.536	1
Chicago	10	16	.385	5

West Division

Colorado	16	11	.593	_
Arizona	15	12	.556	1
San Francisco	15	12	.556	1
Los Angeles	13	13	.500	2 1/2
San Diego	10	16	.385	5 1/2

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CNMI vs Guam in AFC U14 Qualifier

The CNMI U14 National Team's starting 11 pose for a group photo before their game against Guam in the AFC U14 Championship 2014 Qualifiers in Beijing, China last week.

The CNMI's Edwin Kim (12) dribbles and tries to start an attack.

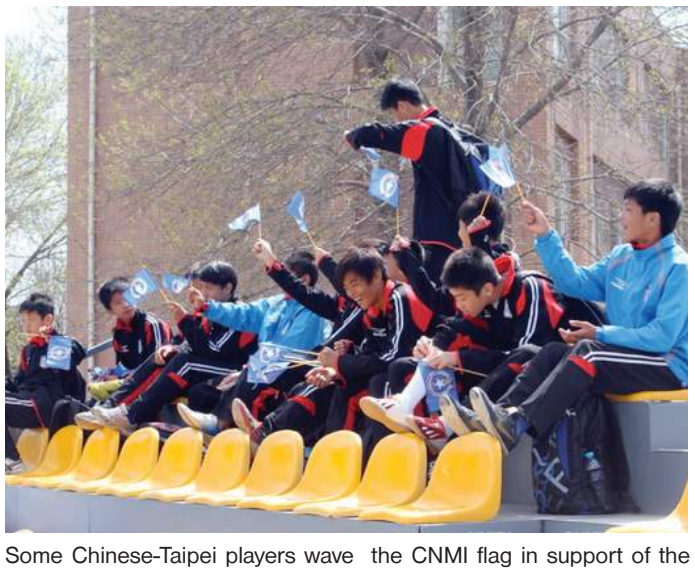
The CNMI's Christopher Aninzo goes for a catch.

Sunjoon Tenorio, third from left, is hugged by his teammates after making a goal in the second half.

The CNMI players and coach celebrate at the sidelines after Sunjoon Tenorio scored in the second half.

The CNMI's Emmanuel Aniana scans the field before making a pass.

The CNMI U14 National Team huddles in a make-shift dugout.



Some Chinese-Taipei players wave the CNMI flag in support of the Commonwealth strikers.

CNMI and Guam players and officials shake hands after the match.

Joshua Abragan tries to keep his control on the ball.

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JPO Enforcers keep lofty spot

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The JPO Enforcers dominated the As Matuis Twins, 9-2, as regular season games in the Major Division of the 2013 Saipan Little League Baseball continued last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Enforcers improved to a 9-4 record, keeping the No. 4 spot in the team standings and gaining a cushion from nine other squads that are in a tight race for the No. 5 to 8 slots in the 16-team field. Only the Top 8 teams will advance to the playoffs and with the Enforcers getting their ninth win, they are in a good position of making it to the next round, joining the NSA Braves (11-2), Talaabwogh Falcons (10-2), and the Comets I (9-2). Laolao Bay (8-3), Pinnacle Rockies (7-4), Go See Mark Ol'Aces (7-4), McDonald's (7-4), Kagman Little Legals (7-5), the Red Sox (6-5), Comets II (5-8), and the Survivors (5-8) are in a tight race for the last four playoff berths, while the Twins (3-9), IT&E (1-11), Juan Santiago Tenorio Jets (1-12), and Kagman Ford Rangers (0-12) are already eliminated.

A six-run bottom of the first inning gave the Enforcers mo-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The JPO Enforcers' Kenneth Kaipat shows his pitching form during the top of the fourth inning of their game against the As Matuis Twins in the Major Division of the SLLB last Tuesday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

Minor, Lee march into doubles finals

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Jake Lee struggles for a return during his and Thea Minor's semis game against Moris Villanueva and Dylan Ackerman in the U18 co-ed doubles division of the 2013 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships last Sunday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

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Seniority prevailed in the top bracket semifinals of the U18 co-ed doubles division of the 2013 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships with Thea Minor and Jake Lee downing their much younger opponents.

Minor and Lee defeated U15 players Moris Villanueva and Dylan Ackerman, 6-0, 6-2, in the semifinals last Sunday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts, to notch the first finals berth in the U18 co-ed doubles.The top-ranked

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Three-way tie for lead in M-League

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Wild Bill's and Inter Godfather's players dispute the ball during their first round meeting in the M-League at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. They are in a triple tie for the lead in Division 1 with MP United after Wild Bill's won and Inter lost last Sunday.

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Three teams are engaged in a standoff for the top spot in Division 1 of the M-League after last Sunday's matches at Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Wild Bill's forced a tie for first place with MP United and former solo leader Inter Godfather's after beating Paire FC, 5-2, in the first game last weekend. The co-leaders hold similar 5-0-2 win-draw-loss record, while Paire is at the cellar with

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